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**Fine hundredth points  
of good husbandrie:**

**As well for the Champion or open  
countrie, as also for the wood-  
land or Generall, mixed in every  
month with Husbandrie, over  
and besides the booke of  
Husbandrie.**

**Corrected, better ordered, & newly augmented  
to a fourth part more, with diuers other lessons, as  
a diet for the farmer, of the properties of winds,  
plants, hogs, herbs, Trees, and augmented res-  
medies for Sheepe and cattell, with ma-  
nie other matters both profitable  
and not displeasing for the  
Reader.**

**Also two Tables, one of husbandle and the other  
of husbandrie, at the end of the booke: for the  
better and easier finding of any mat-  
ter contained in the same.**

**Newlie set forth by Thomas  
Tusser Gentleman.**

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¶ A lesson how to confer euerie abstract with  
*his month, and how to finde out Huswiferie*  
verses by the *Pilcrow*, and Champion  
from Woodland.

**I**f euerie month, yer in aught be begun,  
Read ouer that month, what auails to be dur  
So neither this trauell shal seeme to be lost,  
Nor thou to repent, of this trifling cost.

The figure of abstract, and month doe agree,  
Which one to another, relations bee:  
These verses so short, without figure that stand,  
Be points of themselues to be taken in hand.

¶ In hus bandry matters, where pilcrow ye finde,  
That verse appertaineth to hus wifery kinde:  
So haue ye mo lessons (if there ye looke well)  
Than hus wifery booke doth vtter or tell.

Of Champion hus bandry now doe I write,  
Which heretofore neuer this booke did recite:  
With lessons approued, by practise and skil.  
To profit the ignorant, bue it that will.

The Champion differs from Seuerall much,  
For want of partition, closure and such:  
One name to them both, do I giue now and than  
For Champion country, and Champion man.



## The authors Epistle to the late Lord 3

*William Paget*, wherein he doth discourse of his owne  
bringing vp, and of the goodnesse of the said Lord his  
maister vnto him, and the occasion of this his booke thus  
set forth of his owne long praife.

Chap. 1.

*T* Time tries the troth in euery thing,  
*H* Herewith let men content their minde,  
*O* Of works which best may profit bring,  
*M* Most rash to iudge most often blinde,  
*A* As therefore troth in time shall craue,  
*S* So let this Booke iust fauor haue.

*T* Take you my Lord and maister than,  
*V* Vnlesse mischance mischanceth mee,  
*S* Such homely gift of mee your man,  
*S* Since more in court I may not bee,  
*A* And let your praise woon heretofore,  
*R* Remaine abroad for euermore.

*M* My seruing you (this vnderstand)  
*A* And God his help and yours withall,  
*D* Did cause good luck to take mine hand,  
*E* Ereeling one most like to fall.

*M* My seruing you I know it was,  
*E* Enforced this to come to pas.

*A. u.*

*Since*

## The Epistle.

Since being once at Cambridge taught,  
 Of court ten yeares I made assaie,  
 No Musick then was left vnought,  
 Such care I had to serue that way:  
 When ioy gan slake, then made I change,  
 Expelled mirth for Musick strange.  
 My musick since hath beene the plough,  
 Intangled with some care among,  
 The gaine not great, the paine inough,  
 Hath made mee sing an other song:  
 Which song if well I may auow,  
 I craue it indged be by you.

Your seruant Thomas Tusser.



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ciall good Lord and Maister, the Lord

Thomas Paget of Beaufeserr, sonne and  
heire to his late father  
deceased,

Chap. 2.

**M**Y Lord your father loued mee,  
And you my Lord haue proued mee,  
and both your loues haue moued mee  
To write as I haue donne :

Since God hath hence your father,  
Such flowers as I gather,  
I dedicate now rather,  
To you my Lord his sonne.

Your Father was my founder,  
Till death beecame his wounder,  
No subiect euer founder,  
Whom Prince aduancement gaue:  
As God did heere defend him,  
And honor heere did send him,  
So now I will commend him,  
As long as life I haue.

His neighbors then did blesse him,  
His seruants now doe misse him,  
The poore would gladly kisse him,  
A liue againe to bee:

But God hath wrought his pleasure,  
And blest him out of measure,  
With heauen and earthly treasure,  
So good a God is hee,

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His

*The Epistle.*

His counsell had I vsed,  
And *Ceres* art refused,  
I need not thus haue mused,  
Nor droope as now I doe:  
But I must play the farmer,  
And yet no whit the warmer,  
Although I had his armor,  
And other comfort too.

*Aescops  
fable.*

The Fox doth make mee mind him,  
Whose glory so did blind him,  
Till tayle cut off behind him,  
No feare could him content:  
Euen so must I be prouing,  
Such glory I had in louing,  
Of things to plow behoouing,  
That makes me now repent.

Loiterers I kept so meany,  
Both Philip, Hob and Cheany,  
That, that way nothing geanie,  
Was thought to make me thriue:

*Salust.*

Like *Jugurth* Prince of *Numid*,  
My gold away consumid,  
With losses so perfumid,  
Was neuer none aliue.

Great fines so neere did pare me,  
Great rent so much did skare me,  
Great charge so long did dare me,  
That made me at length cry creeke:  
Much more of all such fleeces,  
As oft I lost by peeces,  
Among such wilie geeses,  
I list no longer speake.

Though country health long staid me,  
Yet lease expiring fraid me,

And

And (*Ictus sapit*) praid me,  
to seeke more steadie staie:  
New lessons then I noted,  
And some of them I quoted,  
Least some should thinke I doted,

By bringing nought away.  
Though *Pallas* hath denide me,  
Her learned pen to guide me,  
For that she daily spide me,

*Pallas*  
goddess of  
wisdom  
& cunning

With countrey how I stood:  
Yet *Ceres* so did bold me,  
With her good lessons told me,  
That rudenes cannot hold me,  
From doeing countrey good.  
By practise and ill speeding,  
These lessons had their breeding,  
And not by heere say or reeding,  
As some abroad haue blown:  
Who will not thus belceue me,  
So much the more they grieue me,  
Because they grudge to giue me,  
that is of right mine owne.

At first for want of teaching,  
At first for trifles breaching,  
At first for ouer-reacing,

And lacke of taking hid:  
Was cause that tesse so tost me,  
That practise so much cost me,  
That rashnes so much lost me,  
Or hindred as it did.

Yet wil I not dispaier,  
Through Gods good gift so faier,  
Through friendship, gold, and praier,  
In countrey againe to dwell:

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Where



*The Epistle.*

Where rent so shall not paine mee,  
 But paines shall help to gaine mee,  
 And gaines shall help maintaine mee,  
 New lessons mo to tell.

For citie seemes a wringer,  
 The peny for to finger,  
 From such as there doe linger,  
 Or for their pleasure lie:  
 Though countrey bee more painfull,  
 And not so greedy gainefull,  
 Yet is it not so vaine full,  
 In following fanfies eie.

I haue no labour wanted,  
 To prune this tree thus planted,  
 Whose fruit to none is scanted,  
 In house nor yet in field:  
 Which fruit, the more ye tast of,  
 The more to eat ye hast of,  
 The lesse this fruit ye wast of,  
 Such fruit this tree doth yeeld.

My tree or booke thus framed,  
 With title already named,  
 I trust goes forth vnblamed,  
 In your good Lordships name:  
 As my good Lord I take you,  
 And neuer will forsake you,  
 So now I craue to make you,  
 defender of the same.

*Your seruants Thomas Tusser.*

To

## To the Reader.

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### Chap. 3.

**H**auē beēne praid,  
To shew mine aid,  
In taking paine,  
Not for the gaine,

But for good will,  
To shew such skill,  
As shew I could;  
That husbandry,  
With hufwifery,  
As Cock and Hen,  
To countrie men,  
As strangers gone,  
Might ioyne in one,  
As louers should.

I trust both this,  
Performed is,  
And how that heere,  
It shall appeare,  
With iudgement right,  
To thy delight,  
Is brought to passe:  
That such as wiue,  
And faine would thriue,  
Bee plainly taught,  
How good from naught,  
May trim bee tride,  
And liuely spide,  
As in a glasse.

What should I win,  
By writing in,  
My losses past,  
That ran as fast,

As running streame,  
From Reame to Reame,  
That flowes so swift?

For that I cold,  
Not get for gold,  
To teach mee how,  
As this doth you,  
Through dailie gaine,  
The way so plaine,  
to come by thrif.

What is a grote,  
Or twaine to note,  
Once in the life,  
For man and wife,  
To saue a pound,  
In house or ground,  
Each other weeke?

What more for health,  
What more for wealth,  
What needeth lesse,  
Run Iack, help Bessie,  
To stay amis,  
Not hauing this,  
Far off to seeke?

I doe not craue,  
Mo thanks to haue,  
Than giuen to mee,  
Alreadie bee,  
But this is all,  
To such as shall,  
Peruse this booke:

That

That for my sake,  
They gently take,  
Where ere they find,  
Against their mind,  
When he or she,  
Shall minded be,  
Therein to looke.

And grant me now,  
Good reader thou,  
Such termes to vse,  
Such choise to chuse,  
As may delight,  
The countrey wight,  
And knowledge bring:  
For such doo praise,  
The countrey phrase,  
The countrey acts,  
The countrey facts,  
The countrey toies,  
Before the ioyes,  
of any thing.  
Nor looke thou here,  
That euery there,  
Of euery verse,

I thus reherse,  
May profit take,  
Or vantage make,  
By lessons such:  
For here we see,  
Things seuerall be,  
And there no dike,  
But champion like,  
And sandie soile,  
And claiy toile,  
Doe suffer much.  
This being waide,  
Be not afraide,  
To buy to prooue,  
To read with loue,  
To follow some,  
And so to come,  
By practise true:  
My paine is past,  
Thou warning halt,  
Th'experience mine,  
The vantage thine,  
May giue thee choise,  
To crie to reioise.  
And thus adue.

*FINIS. T. Tresser.*



¶ An introduction to the Booke  
of Husbandrie.

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Chap. 4.

**G**ood husbandmen, must moile and toile,  
to laie to liue, by labored feeld:  
their wiues at home must keep such coile,  
as their like acts, may profit yeeld,

For well they know,  
as shaft from bow,  
or chalke from snow,

A good round rent, their lords they giue,  
and must keepe tutch, in all their paie  
With credit crackt, else for to liue,  
or trust to legs, and run away.  
Though fense wel kept, is one good point,  
and tilth wel done, in season due:  
Yet needing salue, in time t'annoint,  
is all in all, and needfull true,

As for the rest  
thus thinke I best,  
as friend doth ghest,

With hand in hand, to lead thee forth,  
to Ceres campe, there to behold,  
A thousand things as richly worth,  
as anie pearle, is worthy gold.

Ceres  
goddess of  
husbandry.

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A preface to the buier of  
*this Booke.*

*Chap. 5.*



Hat lookest thou heerein to haue?  
Fine verses thy fansie to please?  
Of many my betters that craue,  
Looke nothing but rudenes in the case.

What other thing lookest thou then?  
Graue sentences many to finde?  
Such Poets haue twenty and ten,  
Yea thousands contenting the minde.

What looke ye, I pray you shew what?  
Termes painted with Rhetoricke fine?  
Good husbandry seeketh not that,  
Nor ist any meaning of mine.

What lookest thou, speake at the last?  
Good lessons for thee and thy wife?  
Then keepe them in memory fast,  
To help as a comfort to life.

What looke ye for more in my Booke?  
Points needfull and meet to bee knowne?  
Then dayly bee suer to looke,  
To saue to bee sure thine owne.

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Chap. 6.

Let house haue to fill her,

Let land haue to till her.

**N**O dwellers, what profiteth house for to stand:  
What goodnesse, vnoccupied bringeth the land:

No labour no bread,

No host wee bee dead.

No husbandry vled, how soone shall we sterue:  
Hous: keeping neglected, what comfort to serue:

Ill father no gift,

No knowledge no thrift.

The father an vnthrift, what hope to the sonne:

The ruler vnf kilfull, how quickly vndonne:

Chap. 7.

As true as thy faith,

This riddle thus faith.

**I** Seeme but a drudge, yet I passe any king,  
To such as can vse me, great wealth I do bring.  
Since Adam first liued, I neuer did die,  
When Noe was a shipman, there also was I.

The praise  
of husbandry.

The earth to sustaine mee, the sea for my fish,  
Be ready to pleasure mee, as I would wish,  
What hath any life, but I help to preserue,  
What might without mee, but is ready to sterue:  
In woodland, in champion, citie or towne,  
As long I be absent, what falleth not downe:  
As long I be present, what goodnesse can want:  
Though things at my comming, were neuer so  
So many as lone me, and vse me aright, scant.  
With treasure and pleasure, I richly acquight.  
Great kings I do succour, else wold it would go,  
The king of all kings, hath appointed it so.

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## Chap. 8.

**O**f hus band, doth hus bandry challenge that name  
 of hus bandry, hus band doth likewise the same:  
 whether hus wife & hus wifery, ioine th with thease,  
 there wealth in abundance, is gotten with ease.  
 The name of a hus band what is it to say:  
 of wife and the household, the band and the staie:  
 Some hus bandly thziue th, that neuer had wife,  
 yet scarce a good hus band, in goodnes of life.  
 The hus band is he, that to labour doth fall,  
 the labour of him, I doe hus bandry call:  
 If thrist by that labour, be any way caught,  
 then is it good hus bandry, else is it naught.  
 So household and householdry, I do define,  
 for folke and the goodgs, that in house be of thine:  
 House keeping to them, as a refuge is set,  
 which like as it is, so report it doth get.  
 Be house of the furniture, neuer so rude,  
 of hus band and hus bandry, (thus I conclude:)  
 That hus wife and hus wifery, if it be good,  
 must pleasure together, as coulsins in blood.

## The Ladder to thrift.

## Chap. 9.

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| <p><b>T</b>ake thy calling thankfullie, 5<br/>         and shun the path to beggerie.</p> <p>2 To grudge in youth no dydgerie,<br/>         to come by knowledge perfectlie.</p> <p>3 To count no trauell slauerie,<br/>         that brings in peny sauerie.</p> <p>4 To follow profit earnestlie,<br/>         but meddle not with pilferie.</p> | <p>5 To get by honest practise,<br/>         and keepe thy gettings couertlie.</p> <p>6 To lath not out too lashinglie,<br/>         for feare of pinching penurie.</p> <p>7 To get good plot to occupie,<br/>         and stoze and vse it hus bandlie.</p> <p>8 To shew to landlozd curtesie,<br/>         and keepe thy couenants orderlie.</p> |
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# The Ladder to thrift.

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- 9 To hold that thine is lawfullie, for stoutnesse or for flatterie.
- 10 To wed good wife for company, and live in wedlock honestly.
- 11 To furnish house w<sup>th</sup> householdry, and make provision skilfullie.
- 12 To ioine to wife good familie, and none to keepe for bzauerie.
- 13 To suffer none live idellie, for feare of idle knauerie.
- 14 To courage wife in huswiferie, and vse well dowers gentlie.
- 15 To keepe no more but needfullie, and count excelle vsfauerie.
- 16 To raise betimes the lubberlie, both snorting Hob and Pargerie.
- 17 To walk thy pastures vsuallie, to spie ill neighbors subteltie.
- 18 To hate renengement hassellie, for losing lone and amitie.
- 19 To loue thy neighbor neighborly and shew him no discourtesie.
- 20 To answer strangers ciuillie, but shew him not thy secretesse.
- 21 To vse no friend deceitfully, to offer no man villanie.
- 22 To learne how soe to pacifie, but trust him not to trustilie.
- 23 To keepe thy touch substantiallie, and in thy word vse constancie.
- 24 To make thy bonds aduisedlie, & come not bound through suertie.
- 25 To meddle not with vsurie, nor lend thy money foolishlie.
- 26 To hate to live in infamie, through craft & liuing chistingly.
- 27 To shun all kinde of trecherie, for treason endeth horrible.
- 28 To learne to eschew ill companie and such as live dishonestlie.
- 29 To banish house of blasphemie, least crosses crosse unluckilie.
- 30 To stop mischance through policy for chancing to unhappilie.
- 31 To beare thy crosses patientlie, for worlolie things are slipperie.
- 32 To late to keepe from miserie, age comming on so crepinglie.
- 33 To prate to God continuallie, for aide against thine enemye.
- 34 To spend the Sabbath holilie, and help the needy pouertie.
- 35 To live in conscience quietlie, and keepe thy selfe from maladie.
- 36 To ease thy sickness speedilie, yer help be past recoverie.
- 37 To seeke to God for remedie, for witches proue unluckilie.

These be the steps vnfainedly:  
to cōme to thyft by husbandry.

These steps both reach, and teach thee shall,  
To come by thrift to shift withall.

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**G**od sendeth & giueth, both mouth and y meate,  
and blesseth vs all with his benefits great:  
Then serue we the god, that so richly doth giue  
hew loue to our neighbors, and lay for to liue.

2 As bud by appearing, betokeneth the spring,  
and leafe by her falling the contrary thing:

So youth bids vs labour, to get what we can,  
for age is a burthen, to laboring man.

3 A competent liuing, and honestly had,  
makes such as are godly, both thāksful and glad  
Life neuer contented with honest estate,  
lamented is oft, and repented too late.

4 Count neuer wel gotten, that naughtly is got,  
nor wel to account of, which honest is not:  
Looke long not to prosper, that weighest not this  
least prospering faileth, and all go amis.

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ly to liue.

5 True wedlocke is best, for auoiding of sinne,  
the bed vndefiled, much honoz doth win:

Though lone be in choosung, far better then gold,  
let loue come with somwhat, the better to hold.

6 Where couples agree not, is rancor and strife,  
where such be together, is seldome good life:

Where couples in wedlocke, doe louely agree,  
there foizon remaineth, if wisdom there be.

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7 Who looketh to marrie, must laie to keepe house  
for loue may not alway, be playing with douse,

If children increase, and no state of thine obone,  
what afterwards follows, is soone to be known

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8 Once charged with children, oz likely to be,  
giue ouer to sojourne, that thinkest to thee:

Least grudging of hostis, and crauing of nurse,  
be costly and noisome to the and thy purse.

- 9 Good husbands that loueth good houses to keepe,  
are oftentimes carefull, when others doe sleepe:  
To spend as they may, or to stop at the furst,  
for running in danger, for feare of the worst.  
10 So count with thy cofers, when haruest is in,  
which way for thy profit, to saue or to win:  
Of tone of them both, if a sauer we smel,  
house keeping is godly, where euer we dwel.  
11 Sonne think not thy mony, pursle bottom to burne,  
but keepe it for profit, to serue thine owne turne:  
A foole and his money be soone at debate,  
which after with sorrow repents him too late.  
12 Good bargaine a dooing, make priuy but fewe,  
in selling refraine not, abroade it to shew:  
In making make hast, and alway to thy pouch,  
in selling no hast, if ye dare it auouch.  
13 Good landlozd who findeth, is blessed of God,  
A cumbersome landlozd, is hus bandmans r 10:  
He noiseth, destroiceth, and all to this drift,  
to strip his pooze tenant, of farine and of thrist.  
14 Rent cozne who so paieth, as worlclings would haue,  
so much for an acre, must liue like a slaue:  
Rent cozne to be paide, for reasonable rent,  
at reasonable prices, is not to lament.  
15 Once placed for profit, looke neuer for ease,  
except ye beware, of such misers as these:  
Unthriftinesse, slothfulnesse, carelesse and rash,  
that thrusteth thee headlong to run in the lash.  
16 Make money thy drudge, for to follow thy warke,  
make wisdome controller, good order thy clark:  
Prouision cater, and skill to thy cooke,  
mak: steward of all, pen, inke and thy booke.  
17 Make hunzer thy sauce, as a medicine for health,  
make thirst to be butler, as phisick for wealth:

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- Make eie to be vsyer, good vslage to haue,  
make bolt to be porter to keepe out a knaue.
- Thyris* 18 Make husbandrie Bailie, abroad to prouide,  
*daily.* make hus wiferie daily, at home for to guide:  
Make cofer fast locked, thy treasure to keepe,  
make house to bee sure, the safer to sleepe.
- 19 Make bandog thy scoutwatch, to barke at a theefe,  
make courage for life, to bee captaine chiefe:
- Husband* Make trapdore thy bulwork, make Well to begin,  
*by armour* make gunstone and arrow, show who is within.
- 20 The credit of maister, to brothel his man,  
and also of mistris, to mimikin Nan:  
Be causers of opening, a number of gaps,  
that letteth in mischiefe, and many misbaps.
- Theeues* 21 Goodhusband he trudgeth, to bzing in the gaines,  
*to thyself.* goodhus wife she drudgeth, refusing no paines:  
*friends* Though husband at home, be to count ye wot what,  
*to thyself.* yet hus wife within, is as needfull as that.
- 22 What helpeth in store to haue neuer so much,  
halfe lost by ill vslage, ill hus wifes and such:  
So, twentie lode bushes, cut downe at a clap,  
such heed may be taken, shall stop vp a gap.
- Enemies* 23 A recchelesse seruant, a mistrisse that scowles,  
*to thyself.* a rauening mastiffe, and hogs that eate fowles:  
A giddie braine maister, and strolall his knaue,  
brings ruling to ruine, and thurst to her graue.
- 24 With some vpon sundaies, their table doe reeke,  
and halfe the weeke after their dinners doe seeke:  
Not often exceeding, but alway inough,  
is husbandly fare, and the guise of the plough.
- Enough* 25 Each day to be feasted, what husbandry worke,  
*is a praise* each day for to feast, is as ill for the purse:  
Yet measurely feasting, with neighbours among,  
shall make thee beloued, and liue the moze long.

- 26 Things husbandly handsome, let woman contrive  
but build not for glory, that thinkest to thrive :  
Who fondly in doing, consumeth his stock,  
in the end for his follie shall get but a mock.
- 27 Spend none but your owne, howsoever ye spend,  
for bzing and shifting, haue seldome good end :  
In substance although ye haue neuer so much,  
Delight not in parasites, harlots and such.
- 28 Be surtie seldome (but neuer for much)  
for feare of purse penniless, hanging by such :  
O! Sharrow warning, as ill I beleue,  
when sir (I arrest ye) gets hold of your sleue.
- 29 Use (Legem pone) to pay at thy day,  
but use not (Oremus) for often delaie :  
Pet (Presta quesumus) out of a grate,  
of all other collectes, the lender doth hate.
- 30 Be pinched for lending, for kisse nor for kin,  
nor also by spending, by such as come in :  
Nor put to thy hand, betwixt barke and the tree,  
least through thine owne follie, so pinched thou bee.
- 31 As lending to neighbour, in time of his need,  
wings lone of thy neighbour, and credit doth breed :  
So neuer to craue but to lue of thine owne,  
brings comforts a thousand, to many unknowne.
- 32 Who liuing but lends : and be lent to they must,  
else buring and selling, might lie in the dust :  
But shamelesse and craftie, that desperate are,  
make many full honest, the worser to fare.
- 33 At sometime to borrow, account it no shame,  
if iustly thou keepest thy touch for the same :  
Who quick be to borrow, and slow be to pay,  
their credit is naught, go they neuer so gay.
- 34 By shifting and borrowing, who so as liues,  
not well to be thought on, occasion giues :

Thistles  
advises.

Speakers  
to thys.

B, if,

Then

Then lay to liue warlike, and wiselie to spend,  
for prodigal liuers; haue seldome good end.

35 Some spareth to late, and a number with him,  
the foole at the bottome, the wise at the brim:

Who careth nor spareth, till spent he haue all,  
of bobbing, not robbing, be fearefull he shall.

36 Where welthines floweth, no friendship can lack,  
whom pouertie pincheth, hath friendship as slack:

Then happie is he by example that can,  
take heed by the fall of a mischiued man.

37 Who breaketh his credit, or cracketh it twise,  
trust such with a suertie, if ye be wise:

Or if he be angrie, for asking thy due,  
once euen, to him afterward, lend not anew.

38 Account it well sold, that is iustlie well paid,  
and count it well bought, that is neuer denaid:

But yet here is tone, here is tother doth best,  
for buier and seller, for quiet and rest.

39 Leauē princes affaires, vnder kanted on,  
and tend to such dooings, as stands thee vpon:

Feare God, and offend not the prince and his lawes,  
and keepe thy selfe out, of the magistrates clawes.

40 As interest or vsurie, plaieth the drinell,  
so hilback and filbellie, biteth as euill:

But dicing among them, and docking the dell,  
and by and by after of beggerie swell.

*Christus* 41 Once weekelie remember, thy charges to cast,  
*Auditor* once monthlie see how, thy expences may last:

If quarter declareth too much to be spent,  
for feare of ill yeere, take aduise of thy rent.

42 Who orderly entereth, his paiment in booke,  
shall orderly finde them againe (if ye looke:)

And he that intendeth but once for to paie,  
shall finde this in dooing, the quietest waie.

- 43 In dealing bprightly, this counsell I teach,  
first reckon, then write, yer to purse ye doo reach?  
Then paie and dispatch him, as soone as ye can,  
for lingering is hindzance, to many a man.
- 44 Haue waights I aduise thee, for siluer and gold,  
for some be in knauerie now adaies bold:  
And for to be sure good money to paie,  
receiue that is currant, as neere as ye may.
- 45 Delight not for pleasure, two houses to keepe,  
least charge without measure vpon thee doo creepe:  
And Jankin and Jenikin, coosen thee so,  
to make thee repent it, yer the yere about goe.
- 46 The stone that is rolling, can gather no molle,  
who often remooueth, is sure of a losse:  
The rich it compelleth, to paie for his pride,  
the pooze it vndooeth on euery side.
- 47 The eie of the maister, enricheth the hutch,  
the eie of the mistresse, auaisleth as much,  
Which eie if it gouerne, with reason and skill  
hath seruant and seruice, at pleasure and will.
- 48 Who seeketh reuengment of euery wrong,  
in quiet nor safetie, continueth long:  
So he that of wilfulnes trieth the law,  
shall strue for a corcombe, and thriue as a dabo.
- 49 To hunters and haukers, take heed what ye say,  
milde answere with courtesie, driues them away:  
So where a mangs better, will open a gap,  
resist not with rudenes, for feare of mishap.
- 50 A man in this world, for a churle that is knowne,  
shall hardly in quiet, keepe that is his owne:  
Where lowlie and such, as of curtesie smels,  
finds fauor and friendship, where euer he dwels.
- 51 Keepe truelie thy Saboth, the better to speed,  
keepe seruant from gadding, but when it is need:

Keepe fish day and fasting day, as they doe fall,  
 what custome thou keepest let others keepe all.  
 52 Though some in their tithing, be slack or too bold,  
 be thou vnto Godward, not that waie too cold:  
 Euill conscience grudgeth, and yet we doo see,  
 ill tithers ill thriuers, most commonly bee.  
 53 Day weekelie thy workman, his household to feed,  
 pay quarterlie seruants, to buy as they need:  
 Giue garment to such, as deserue and no mo,  
 least thou and thy wife, without garment doo goe,  
 54 Beware raskabilia, slothfull to worke,  
 purloiners and filchers, that loueth to lurke:  
 Awaie with such lubbers, so loth to take paine,  
 that rowles in expences, but neuer no gaine.  
 55 Good wife, and good children, are worthy to eat,  
 good seruant, good labourer, earneth their meat:  
 Good friend, and good neighbor, that fellowlie ghest,  
 with hartlie welcome, should haue of the best.  
 56 Depart not with all, that thou hast to thy child,  
 much lesse vnto other, for being beguild:  
 Least if thou wouldst gladlie possesse it agen,  
 looke for to come by it, thou wottest not when.  
 57 The greatest preferment, that child we can giue,  
 is learning and nurture, to teach him to liue:  
 Which who so it wanteth, though left as a squier,  
 consumeth to nothing, as blocke in the fier.  
 58 When God hath so blest thee, as able to liue,  
 and thou hast to rest thee, and able to giue:  
 Lament thy offenses, serue God for amends,  
 make soule to be ready, when God for it sends.  
 59 Send fruits of thy faith, to heauen a forchand,  
 for mercy here dooing, God blesteth thy land:  
 He maketh thy store, with his blessing to twin,  
 and after thy soule, to be blessed with him.



- 60 Some lay to get riches, by sea and by land,  
and ventreth his life, in his enemies hand:  
And setteth his soule, vpon fire or on seauen,  
not fearing nor caring, for hell nor for heauen.  
61 Some pincheth and spareth, and pineth his life,  
to cofer by bagges, for to leaue to his wife:  
And she when he dieth, sets open the chest,  
for such as can sooth her, and all away wrest.  
62 Good husband preventing, the frailnesse of some,  
takes part of Gods benefits, as they doe come:  
And leaueth to wife, and his children the rest,  
each one his owne part, as he thinketh it best.  
63 These lessons approued, if wisely ye note,  
may saue and aduantage you many a groat:  
which if you can follow, occasion found,  
then euery lesson, may saue you a pound.

An habitation inforced better late than neuer, vpon these  
words, Sit downe Robin and rest thee. Chap. 11.

**M**Y friend if cause doth wrest thee,  
Yer follie hath much opprest thee:  
Farre from acquaintance kest thee,  
Where countrey may digest thee,  
Let wood and water request thee,  
In good corne soile to neast thee,  
Where pasture and meade may brest thee,  
And healthsome aire inuest thee,  
Though enuie shall detest thee,  
Let that no whit molest thee,  
Thank God that so hath blest thee,  
And sit downe Robin and rest thee.

The Farmers daily dyet.  
Chap. 12.

**A** Plot set downe, for Farmers quiet,  
as time requires, to frame his diet:

B, liii.

with

With sometime fish, and sometime fast,  
 that household store, may longer last.  
 Lent. Let Lent wel kept, offend not thee,  
 for March and Aprill breeders be:  
 Spend herring first, saue saltfish last,  
 for saltfish is good, when Lent is past.  
 Easter. When Easter comes, who knowes not than,  
 that beale and bacon is the man:  
 And Martilmas beefe, doth beare good tack,  
 when countrey folke, doo dainties lack,  
 When Hackrell ceaseth from the seas,  
 Midsum- John Baptist brings, grasse beefe and pease,  
 mer. Fresh herring plentie Michell brings,  
 Michae- with fatted crones, and such old things,  
 mas. All Saints doo lay for porke and souse,  
 Hallow- for sprats and spurlings, for their house.  
 mas. At Christmas play, and make good cheere,  
 Christ- for Christmas comes but once a yeere.  
 mas. Though some then do, as doo they would,  
 T cauent. let thristie do, as doo they should.  
 For causes good, so many waies,  
 Fasting. keepe Embrings well, and fasting daies  
 Fishdaies What law commands, we ought to obey,  
 for Friday, Saturne and wednesday.  
 A thing The land dooth will, the sea doth wish,  
 needfull. spare sometime flesh, and feed of fish.  
 Where fish is scant and fruit of trees,  
 Supplie that want with butter and chese.  
*quoth Tusser.*

¶ A description of the properties of winds,  
*all the times of the yeere. Chap. 13.*

**N**orth winds send haile, South winds bring raine,  
 East winds we bewaile, West winds blow amaine:  
 North

Of the Planets.

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North east is too cold, South east not too warme,  
North west is to bold, Southwest doth no harme,  
The North is a noier, to grasse of all suits,  
The East a destroyer, to herbes and all fruits:  
The South with his shewers, refresheth the cozne,  
The west to all flowers, may not be forborne.  
The west as a father, all goodnes doth bring,  
The East a forbearer, no maner of thing:  
The South as unkind, draweth sicknesse too neere,  
The North as a friend, maketh all againe cleere.  
With temperate wind we be blessed of God,  
With tempest we finde, we are beat with his rod:  
All power, we know, to remaine in his hand,  
How euer winde blow, by sea or by land.

In winter.

At the  
Spring.

Summer

Autumne

Though winds doo rage, as winds were wood,  
And cause spring tides, to raise great flood,  
And lofty ships, leaue anker in mud,  
Breauing many of life and of bloud:  
Yet true it is, as cow chewes cud,  
And trees at spring, doo yeeld forth bud,  
Except wind stands, as neuer it stood:  
It is an ill wind turnes none to good.

Of the Planets. Chap. 14.

As huswines are teached, in stead of a clocke,  
how winter night passeth, by crowing of cocke:  
So, here by the planets, as farre as I dare,  
some lessons I leaue, for the husbandmans share.  
If day starre appeareth, day comfort is nie,  
if Sunne be at South, it is noone by and by,  
If Sunne be at westward, it setteth anon,  
if Sunne be at setting, the day is soone gon.  
Whoone chaged, keepe closet, thre daies like a Queene  
yet she in her prime, will of aine be scene :

Of the  
Moone  
changing.

If

If great she appeareth, it sheweth out,  
 if small she appeareth, it signifieth drouth.  
 At change or at full, come it late or else soone,  
 maine sea is at highest, at midnight and noone:  
 But yet in the creekes, it is later high flood,  
 through farnesse of running, by reason as good.  
 Tide flowing is feared for many a thing,  
 great danger to such as be sicke, it doth bring:  
 Sea eb, by long ebbing, some respite doth giue,  
 and sendeth good comfort, to such as shall liue.

## ¶ Septembers abstract.

Chap. 14.

**N**ow enter John,  
 old farmer is gon.

2 What champion beth,  
 that woodland refuseth.

3 Good farmer now take,  
 keepe still or forsake.

4 What helps reuiue,  
 the thriuing to thriue.

5 Plough fense and stowe,  
 ought else befoze.

6 By tits and such,  
 some getteth much.

7 Horse strong and light,  
 some charges quite.

Light head and purse,  
 what lightnes worse.

8 Who goeth a borowing,  
 goeth a sorowing,  
 Few lends but soles,  
 their working toles.

9 Cræne rie haue some,  
 yer Michelmas come.

10 Grant soile her lust,  
 lowe rie in the dust.

11 Cleane rie that sowes,  
 the better crop mooves.

12 Pir rie a right,  
 with wheat that is white.

13 Se cozne sowne in,  
 so thicke nor so thin.  
 For want of seed,  
 land yeldeth weede.

14 With sling or bow,  
 keepe cozne from crow.

15 Trench hedge and sorow,  
 that water may thosow.  
 Deepe dike sanes much,  
 from drouers and such.

16 Amend marsh wall,  
 crap holes and all.

17 Geld buls and rams,  
 few ponds, amend dams.  
 Sell webster thy wull,  
 fruit gather, grapes pull.  
 for feare of drabs,  
 goe gather thy crabs.

18 Pluck fruit to last,  
 when Michell is past.

- 19 Forget it not,  
fruit brused will rot.  
Light ladder and long,  
doth trée least wrong,  
goe gather with skill,  
and gather that will.
- 20 Dine hine good conie,  
for war or for honie.  
No dining of hine,  
till yeares past fine.
- 21 God dwelling gine be,  
or hence goes she.
- 22 Put boze in ste:  
for hallontide nie:
- 23 With boze (good Cisse)  
let naught be a misse.
- 24 Earle hempe left gréne,  
now plucke bp cléne.  
Drowne hempe as ye néed,  
once had out his séd.  
I praise theé god hit,  
drowne hempe in a pit.
- 25 Of all the rest,  
white hempe is best.  
Let skillful be gotten,  
least hempe proue rotten.
- 26 Set strawberies wise,  
I loue them for life.
- 27 Plant respe and rose,  
and such as those.
- 28 Goe gather bp mast,  
per time be past.  
Mast sats bp swine,  
mast kills bp kine.
- 29 Let hogs be wrong,  
both old and yong.
- 30 No mast vpon Oke,  
no longer bnyoke.
- 31 hog doe erle,  
giue eare and eie.
- 31 Hogs haunting cozne,  
mate not be bozne.
- 32 Good neighboz thow,  
god custome allow,  
No scaring with dog,  
whilst mast is for hog.
- 33 Set home with the bzake,  
to bue with and bake,  
to couer the shed,  
dye ouer the hed,  
to lie vnder colw,  
to rot vnder mow,  
to serue to burne,  
for many a turne.
- 34 To saw pit bzaw,  
bord log to saw.  
let timber be haile,  
least profit doe quail  
such bord and pale,  
is readie sale.
- 35 Sawne slab let lie,  
for stable and ste:  
saw dust spread thick,  
makes allie tricke.
- 36 Kepe safe thy fence,  
scarfe bzake hedge thence,  
A bzab and a knaue,  
will prouole to haue.
- 37 Marke wind and mone.  
at midnight and none.  
some rigs thy plow,  
some milkes thy colw.
- 38 Red cur or blacke,  
setw prowlers lacke.
- 39 Some steale, some pilch,  
some alwaies filch.

Marke

Parke losses with græse,  
through prowling thæse.

Thus endeth Septembers abstract,  
agreeing with Septem.  
husbandry.

Other short remem-  
brances.

Now friend as ye wish,  
goe sever thy fish.

When friend shall come,  
to be sure of some.

Thy ponds renew,  
put ales in stew,  
to line till Lent,  
and then to be spent.

Set priuy or prim,  
set bore like him.  
Set gilliflowers all,  
that growes on the wall.

Set hearbs some more,  
for winter store.  
sow seeds for pot,  
for flowers sow not.

Thus ends Septembers short remembrances.

### ¶ Septembers husbandry.

Chap. 17.

September blow soft,  
Till fruit be in losse.

Forgotten month past,  
Doe new at the last.

**A**T Michelmas lightly, new farmer comes in,  
new husbandry forceth him new to begin:

Old farmer stil taking, the tyme to him giuen,  
makes August to last, vnto Michelmas euen.

2 New farmer may enter (as champions say)  
on all that is fallow, at Lent lady day:

In woodland old farmer, to that wil not yeeld,  
for loosing of pasture, and feed of his fielde.

Farmer  
take or  
giue ouer.

3 Prouide against Michelmas, bargaine to make,  
for farne to giue ouer, to keepe or to take:

In doing of either, let wit beare a stroke,  
for buying or selling, of a pig in a poke.

Twelve  
good pro-  
peries.

4 Good farne and wel stored, good housling and drie,  
good corne and good daire, good markit and nie:

Good shepherd, good tilman, good Jack, and good Gill,  
makes husband and huswife, their coffers to fill.

5 Let



Husbandly furniture.

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5 Let pasture be stozed, and fensed about,  
and tillage set forwarde, as needeth without :

Before ye doe open your purse to begin,  
with any thing doing, for fansie within.

6 No stozing of pasture, with baggagely tit,  
with ragged, and aged, and euill at hit :

Let carren and barren, bee shifted away,  
for best is the best, what soeuer ye pay.

7 Horse, Oren, plough, tumbrel, cart, waggon and watne  
the lighter and stronger, the greater thy gaine :

Strong  
and light.

The soile and the seed, with the sheafe and the purse,  
the lighter in substance, for profit the worse.

8 To borrow to day, and to morrow to mis,  
for lender or borrower, noiaunce it is :

Then haue of thine owne, without lending vnspilt,  
what followeth needfull, heere learne if thou wilt.

*A digression to husbandly furniture.*

1 Barne locked, gose ladder, short pitchfork and long,  
saile, strawfork and rake, with a fan that is strong :

Barne  
furniture.

2 Ding, cartnaue and busbel, peck, strike, ready hand,  
get casting shouel, broome, and a sack with a band,

3 A stable well planked, with a key and a lock,  
walls strongly well lined, to beare off a knock :

Stable  
furniture.

4 A rack and a manger, good litter and haie,  
sweet chaffe and lome prouender euery day.

5 A pitchfork, a doungefork, seeue, skep, and a bin,  
a broome and a paille, to put water therein :

6 A handbarrow wheelebarrow, shouell and spade,  
a currie combe, maine combe, and whip for a iade,

7 A buttrice and pincers, a hammer and naile,  
an apron and sizers, for head and for taile :

8 Whole bridle and saddle, whitlether and nall,  
with collars and harneis, for thiler and all.

9 A pannell and wantp, pack saddle and ped,

with

# Husbandly furniture.

with line to fetch litter, and halters for hed :

With crotches and pins, to hang trinkets thereon,  
and stable fast chained, that nothing be gon.

Cartfure  
naine.

6 Strong creltreed cart, that is clouted and shod,  
cart ladder and wimble, with perler and pod :

Room to  
halfe a  
quarrier.

Wheele ladder for haruest, light pitchfork and tough,  
flaue whiplash well knotted, and cartrope inough.

7 Then sacks, wherof euery one holdeth a coome,  
a pulling hooke handsome, for bushes and broome :

Light tumbrell, and doong crone, for easing sir wag,  
ouel, pikar, and mattocke, with bottle and bag.

Husband  
dog teoles

8 A grindstone, a whetstone, a hatchet and bill,  
with hammer and English naile, sorted with skill :

A frower of iron, for cleauing of lath,  
with roll for a sawpit, good husbandry hath.

9 A short saw, and long saw, to cut a two logs,  
an axe and an ads, to make troffe for thy hogs :

A douer court beetle, and wedges with Steele,  
strong leuer to raise vp, the block from the wheele.

Plough  
furniture.

10 Two ploughs & plough cheine, ii. culters, iii. shares,  
with ground clouts, & side clouts, for soile that so tares :

With oxhewes, and oxpokes, and other things mo,  
for ore teeme, and hozseteeme, in plough for to go.

11 A plough beetle, plough staffe, to further the plough,  
great clod to asunder, that breaketh so rough :

A sled for a plough, and another for blocks,  
for chimney in winter, to burne vp their docks.

12 Sedge collars for plough horse, for lightnes of neck,  
good seed, and good sower, and also seed peck :

Strong Oren and hozses, wel shod and well clad,  
wel meated and bled, for making thee sad.

Haruest  
tooles.

13 A Barly rake toothed, with iron and Steele,  
like paire of harrowes, and roller doth weele :

A Ring for a mother, a bow for a boy,

a whip

a whip for o carter, is hoigh de la roy.

14 A brush sith, and grasse sith, with rille to stand,  
a cradie for Barly, with rubstone and sand :

sharpe sickle and weeding hooke, hay, fork, and rake,  
a meake for the pease, and to swing by the brake.

15 Short rakes for to gather by, Barly to binde,  
and greater to rake by, such leauings behinde :

A rake for to rake by, the sitches that lie,  
a pike for to pike them by, handsome to drie.

16 A skuttle of skreine, to rid soile fro the cozne,  
and shearing sheeres readie for sheepe to be shorne :

A fork and a hooke to be tampring in clay,  
a lath hammer, a trowell, a hood, or a tray.

17 Strong yoke for a hog, with a twicher and rings,  
with tar in a tarpot, for dangerous things :

A sheepe mark, a tar kettle, little or much,  
two pottles of tarre, to a pottle of pitch.

18 Long ladder to hang, all along by the wall,  
to reach for a need to the top of a hall :

Beame, scales, with the weights that be scaled and true  
sharp moullspare with barbs, that y moules do so rue,

19 Sharp cutting spade, for the deuinding of mow,  
with skuppat and skauel, the marshmen allow :

A sickle to cut with, a didall and croine,  
for draining of ditches that noies thee at home.

20 A clauestocke, a rabbet stocke, carpenters craue,  
and seasoned timber, for pinewood to haue :

A Jacke for to saw vpon, fetwel for fire,  
for sparing of firewood and sticks fro the mire.

21 Soles, setters, and shackles, with hozselocke and pad,  
a cow house for winter, so meet to be had :

A stie for a boze and a hogscote for hog,  
a roost for thy hens, and a couch for thy dog.

Heere endeth Husbandly furniture.

Sowing  
of Rie,

- 9 Thresh seed, and to fanning, September doth cry,  
get plough to the field, and be sowing of Rie:  
To harrow the ridges, yet euer ye strike,  
is one peece of hul band<sup>22</sup>, Suffolke doth like.
- 10 Sow timely thy white wehat, sow Rie in the dust,  
let seed haue their longing, let soile haue her lust:  
Let Rie be partaker of Michaelmas spring,  
to beare out the hardnes that winter doth bring.
- 11 Some mixeth to Miller, the rie with the wheat,  
Tems lose on his table, to haue for to eate:  
But sow it not mixed, to grow so on land,  
least rie tarrie wheat, till it shed as it stand.
- 12 If soile doe desire, to haue rie with wheat,  
by growing together for safety more great:  
Let white wheat be sown, be it deere be it cheape,  
the sooner to ripe, for the sickle to reape.
- 13 Though beanes be in sowing, but scattered in,  
yet wheat, rie, and peason, I loue not too thin:  
Sow barly and dredge, with a plentiful hand,  
least weed stead of seed, ouergroweth thy land.
- 14 No sooner a sowing, but out by and by,  
with mother or boy, that alarum can cry:  
And let them be armed, with sling or with bow,  
to scare away pigeon, the rooke and the crow.
- 15 Seed sowne, draw a furrow the water to draine,  
and dike by such ends, as in harins doe remaine:  
For drining of cattell or rowing that way,  
which beeing prevented, ye hinder the pray.
- Amend  
marsh  
walls. 16 Saint Michel doth bid thee, amend the marsh wall,  
the breech and the crabhole, the forceland and all:  
One noble in season, bestowed thereon,  
may saue thee a hundred, yet winter be gon.
- Setting  
of Rie. 17 Now geld with the gelder, the ram and the bull,  
sew ponds, amend dams, and sell wether thy will:

Out

Out fruit goe and gather, but not in the deaw,  
with crab and the walnut, for feare of a shrew.

18 The Moone in the waine, gather fruit for to last,  
but winter fruit gather, when Michel is past:

Though michers that loue not, to buy nor to craue,  
makes some gather sooner, else few for to haue.

19 Fruit gathered too timely, wil tast of the wood,  
wil shrink and be bitter, and seldome proue good:

So fruit that is shaken, or beat off a tree,  
with busing in falling, soone faulty wil bee.

20 Now burne vp the Bees, that thou mindest to drine, *Drining  
of Bees.*  
at Midsummer drine them, and saue them aliuie:

Place hime in good ayre, set southly and warme,  
and take in due season, wax, hony, and swarme.

21 Set hime on a plank, (not too low by the ground)  
where herbe with the flower, may compasse it round:

And boords to defend it, from north and northeast,  
from showers and rubish, from vermin and beast.

22 At Michelmass safely, goe stie vp thy boze,  
least straieng abroad, ye do see him no moze:

The sooner the better, for Hollantide nie,  
and better he brayoneth, if hard he doe lie.

23 Shift boze for ill aire, as best ye do think,  
and twice a day giue him, fresh water and drinke:

And diligent Cusley, my dairy good wench,  
make clenly his cabin, for mealling and stench.

24 Now pluck vp thy hemp, and go beat out the seed,  
and afterward water it, as ye haue need:

But not in the riuer, where cattel should drinke,  
for poisoning of them, and the people with stink.

25 Hemp hus wisely bled, looks cleerelie and bright,  
and selleth it selfe, by the coulour so white:

Some vseth to water it, but some doe it not,  
be skilful in dooking, for feare it do rot.

whitest  
hemp best  
sold



- 26 **W**ise into thy garden, and set me a plot,  
with strawberie roots, of the best to be got:  
Such growing a broad, among thozns in the wood,  
well chosen and picked, proue excellent good.
- Goosebe-**  
**berries :**  
**respis.** 27 **T**he barbery, respis, and goosebery too,  
looke now to be planted, as other things doo:  
**T**he goosebery, respis, and roses, all thzee,  
with strassberies vnder them, trimly agree.
- Gatherisg**  
**of mast.** 28 **T**o gather some mast, it shall stand thee vpon,  
with seruant and childzen, yer mast be all gon:  
Some left among busbes, shall pleasure thy swine,  
for feare of a mischiefe keepe acornes fro kine.
- 29 **F**or rooting of pasture ring hog ye had need,  
which being well ringled, the better doth feed:  
**T**hough yooing with their elders, will lightly keep best,  
yet spare not to ringle, both great and the rest.
- Poking of**  
**hogs.** 30 **P**oke seldome thy swine, while shacktime doth last,  
for diuers misfortunes, that happen too fast:  
Or if ye doe fanlie, whole eare of the hog,  
giue eare to ill neighbor, and eare to of his dog.
- 31 **K**eepe hog I aduise thee, from medow and corne,  
for out alowd crying, that ere he was bozne:
- Ringling**  
**of hogs.** **S**uch laboles so haunting, both often and long,  
if dog set him chaunting, he doth thee no wrong.
- 32 **W**here loue among neighbors, doth beare any strok:  
while shacke time indureth, men vseth not to poke:  
**P**et surely ringling, is needfull and good,  
til frost do inuite them, to brakes in the wood.
- 33 **S**et home with thy brakes, yer summer be gon,  
for teddered cattel, to sit thereupon:  
**T**o couer thy houell, to brye and to bake,  
to lie in the bottome, where houell ye make.
- 34 **N**ow saw out thy timber, for boord and for pale,  
to haue it vnshaken, and ready to sale:



- Bestow it and strike it, and laie it aright,  
 1 to find in the March, to be ready in plight.  
 35 Same slab of thy timber, for stable and stie,  
 for horse and for hog, the moze clenlie to lie:  
 Same sawdust, and brickdust, and ashes so fine,  
 for alley to walke in, with neigbor of thine.  
 36 Keepe safelie and warclly, thine vttermost fence,  
 with ope gap break hedge, doe seldome dispense:  
 Such runabout prowlers, by night and by day,  
 see punished iustly, for prowling away.  
 37 At noone if it bloweth, at night if it shine,  
 out trudgeth Hew make shift, with hook and with line  
 Whiles Gillet his blouze, is a milking thy cow,  
 for Hew is a rigging, thy gate or thy plow.  
 38 Such walke with a black, or a red little cur,  
 that open will quicky, if any thing sur:  
 Then squatteth the maister, or trudgeth awaie,  
 and after dog runneth, as fast as he maie.  
 39 Some prowoleth for fewell, and some awaie rig,  
 fat goose and the capon, duck, hen, and the pig:  
 Some prowoleth for acorns, to fat by their swine,  
 for corne and for apples, and all that is thine.

Hedge  
breakers.

Learne  
to know  
Hew  
prowler.

Thus ends Septembers husbandrie.

### ¶ Octobers abstract.

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- L**ay drie by and round,  
 for barlie thy ground.  
 2 To late doth kill,  
 to sone is as ill.  
 3 Paids little and great,  
 pick clean seed wheat.  
 Good ground doth crane,  
 choise seed to haue.  
 Flailes lusillie thwack,  
 least plough seed lack.
- 4 Seed first goe fetch,  
 for edish or etch,  
 soile perfectlie know,  
 per edish ye sow.  
 5 White wheat if ye please,  
 sow now upon pease,  
 sow first the best,  
 and then the rest.  
 6 Who soweth in raine,  
 hath seed to his paine.

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But

- But worse shall he speede,  
that soweth ill seed.
- 7 Now better than later,  
draw furrow for water.  
Hope crows good sonne,  
see fencing be donne.
- 8 Eche soile no baine,  
for euerie graine.  
Though soile be but bad,  
some coine may be had.
- 9 Paught prone, naught crane,  
naught venter, naught haue.
- 10 One crop and awaie,  
some countrie may saie.
- 11 All grauell and sand,  
is not the best land.  
A rottenlie mould,  
is land woorth gold.
- 12 Why wheat is smitten,  
god lesson is witten.
- 13 The iudgement of some,  
how thistles do come.
- 14 A iudgement right,  
of land in plight.  
Land all forlorne,  
not god for coine.
- 15 Land barren doth beare,  
small straw, short eare.
- 16 Heere maist thou read,  
for soile what seed.
- 17 'Tis tride erie howe,  
best graine most slowe.
- 18 Grosse coine much bzan,  
the baker doth ban.
- 19 What croppers be,  
here learne to see.
- 20 Few after crop much,  
but noddies and such.
- 21 Some woodland may crake,  
these crops he may take.
- 22 First barlie, then pease,  
then wheat if ye please.
- 23 Two crops and awaie,  
must champion saie.
- 24 Where barlie did grow,  
saie wheat to sow.  
Yet better I think,  
sow pease after drink.  
And then if ye please,  
sow wheat after pease.
- 25 What champion knowes,  
that custome shoves.
- 26 First barlie yer rie,  
then pease by and by,  
Then fallow for whear,  
is husbandrie great.
- 27 A remedie sent,  
where pease lack bent.  
Fat peal-fed swine,  
for drouer is fine.
- 28 Eche diuers soile,  
hath diuerse toile.
- 29 Some countries vse,  
that some refuse.
- 30 For wheat ill land,  
where water doth stand.  
Sow pease or dredge,  
below in that redge.
- 31 Sow acorns to prone,  
that timber doe loue.
- 32 Sow hastings now,  
if land it allow.
- 33 Learne some to get,  
a god quickset.
- 34 For feare of the worst,  
make fat awaie surst.

- 35 Fat that no moze,  
ye kepe for noze.  
36 Hide carren in grane,  
lesse noiance to haue.  
37 Hog meased kill,  
for Fleming that will:  
38 With peasebolt and bzake,  
some brue and bake:  
39 Old corne worth gold,  
so kept as it should.  
40 Much profit is reapt,  
by does well kept.  
41 Kepe does vpon bow,  
for six of thy cow.  
42 Of verges be sure,  
poze cattell to cure.

Thus endeth Octobers abstract,  
agreeing with Octobers husbandry.

Other short remembrances.

Cis haue an ele,  
to boze in sie.  
By malt ill kept,  
small profit is rept.  
Friend ringle thy hog,  
for feare of a dog.  
Kie straw by stack,  
least thacker doe lack.  
Wh heatstraw dye saue,

for cattell to haue.  
Wh heatchasse laie by drie,  
in safetie to lie.  
Make handsome a bin,  
for chaffe to lie in.  
(Seed thyself) thou shalt,  
thyself barlie to malt.  
Cut bushes to hedge,  
fence meddow and redge.  
Stamp crabs that male,  
for rotting awaie,  
Make vergis and perrie,  
sow kernell and berrie.  
Now gather by fruit,  
of euerie suit,  
Parth wall to sight,  
strength now or good night.  
Spend wals of mud,  
for now it is god.  
Where soile is of sand,  
quick set out of hand.  
To plots not full,  
ad bzemble and hull,  
For set no bar,  
whilst month hath an it.  
Like note thou shalt,  
for making of malt,  
Blew now to last,  
till winter be past,

Thus ends Octobers short remembrances.  
Octobers husbandry.

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October good blast,  
To blow the hog mast.

Forgotten month past,  
Doo now at the last.

**N**ow lay by thy barlie land, dye as ye can,  
when euer ye sow it, so looke for it than:

Liii.

Get

Get daillie aforehand, be neuer behinde,  
least winter pꝛeuenting, doe alter thy minde.  
2 Who layeth vꝑ fallow, too soone or too late,  
with noiances manie, doth barlie beset.

For weed and the water, so soketh and sucks,  
that goodnes from either, it vtterly plucks.

wheat  
sowing.

3 Greene Rie in September, when timely thou hast,  
October for wheat sowing, calleth as fast:

If weather will suffer, this counsell I giue,  
leauē sowing of wheat, before Hallowmas eue.

4 Where wheat vpon edisb, ye minde to bestow,  
let that be the first, of the wheat ye doe sow:

He seemeth to hart it, and comfort to bring,  
that giueth it comfort of Michaelmas spring.

Best  
wheat  
first  
sowne.

5 White wheat vpon pease etch, doth grow as he would  
but fallow is best, if we did as we should:

Yet where, how and when, ye intend to begin,  
let euer the finest, be first sowne in.

6 Who soweth in raine, he shall reape it with tares,  
who soweth in harmes, he is euer in feares:

Who soweth ill seed, or defraudeth his land,  
hath eie soze abrood, with a coslie at hand.

7 Seed husbandly sowne, water furrow thy ground,  
that raine when it commeth, may run away round:

Then stir about Picoll, with arrow and bow,  
take penie for killing, of euerie crow.

A digression to the vsage of diuers countries  
concerning tillage.

8 Ech soile hath no liking of euerie graine,  
nor barly and wheat, is for euerie vaine:

Yet know I no countrey, so barren of soile,  
but some kinde of corne, may be gotten with toile.

9 In Brantham where rie, but no barly did grow,  
good barly I had, as a many did know:

Flue

- Five seame of an aker, I truelie was paid,  
for thirtie lode muck, of ech aker so laid.
- 10 Suffolke againe, whereas wheat neuer grew,  
good husbandry vsed, good wheatland I knew:  
This prouerbe, experience long agoe gaue,  
that nothing who practiseth, nothing shal haue.
- 11 As grauell and sand, is for rie and not wheat,  
oz yeeldeth her burthen, to tone the moze great:  
So peason and barlie, Delight not in sand,  
but rather in claie, oz some rottener land.
- 12 Wheat sometime is steellie, oz burnt as it growes,  
for pride oz for pouertie, practise so knowes:  
Too lustie of courage, for wheat doth not well,  
nor after sir peeler, he loneth to dwell.
- 13 Much wetnes, hog rooting, and land out of hart,  
makes thistles a number, forthwith to vpstart:  
If thistles so growing, proue lustie and long,  
it signifieth land to be lustie and strong.
- 14 As land full of tilth, and in hartie good plight,  
yeelds blade to a length, and increaseth in might:  
So crop vpon crop, vpon whose courage we doubt,  
yeelds blade for a bzag, but it holdeth not out.
- 15 The straw and the eare, to haue bignes and length,  
betokeneth land, to be good and in strength:  
If eare be but short, and the straw be but small,  
it signifieth barennes, and barren withhall.
- 16 White wheat, oz else red, red riuet oz white,  
farre passeth all other, for land that is light:  
White pollard oz red, that so richly is set,  
for land that is heauie, is best ye can get.
- 17 Haine wheat that is mixed, with white & with red,  
is next to the best, in the market mans hed:  
So Turkey oz Purkey wheat many doo loue,  
because it is flourie, as others aboue,



- 18 Gray wheat is the grosest, yet good for the claie,  
though worst for the market, as farmer may say:  
Much like vnto rie, be his properties found,  
course flower, much bran, and a peeler of ground.
- 19 Otes, rie or else barlie, and wheat that is gray,  
brings land out of comfort, and soone to decay:  
One after another, no comfort betweene,  
is crop vpon crop, as will quickly be seene.
- Crop tye  
on crop.* 20 Still crop vpon crop, many farmers doo take,  
and reape little profit, for greedinesse sake.  
Though breadcorne & drinkecorne, such croppers do stand  
count peason or branke, as a comfort to land.
- 21 Good land that is seuerall, crops may haue thre,  
in champion countrie, it may not so be:  
Tone taketh his season, as commoners maie,  
the tother with reason, maie otherwise saie.
- 22 Some vseth at first, a good fallow to make,  
to sow thereon barlie, the better to take:  
Next that to sow pease, and of that to sow wheat,  
then fallow againe, or lie laie for thy neat.
- 23 First rie and then barlie, the champion saies,  
or wheat before barlie, be champion waies:  
But drinke before breadcorne, with middlesex men,  
then laie on more compas, and follow agen.
- 24 Where barlie ye sow, after rie or else wheat,  
if land be vnlustie, the crop is not great:  
So lose yee your cost, to your corlie and smart,  
and land ouerburdened is cleane out of hart.
- 25 Exceptions take, of the champions land,  
from lieng along, from that at thy hand:  
(Just by) ye may comfort, with compas at will,  
far off ye must comfort, with fauour and skill.
- 26 Where rie or else wheat, either barlie ye sow,  
let codware be next, thereupon for to grow:

Thus



Thus hauing two crops, wherof codware is ton,  
thou hast the lesse neede, to lay cost thereupon.

27 Some far fro the market, delight not in pease,  
for that erie chapman they seeme not to please:

If vent of the market place, serue thee not well,  
let hogs by a fattening, to drouer to sell.

28 Two crops of a fallow, enricheth the plough,  
though one be of pease, it is land good enough:

One crop and a fallow, some soile will abide,  
where if ye go further, lay profit aside.

29 Where peason ye had, and a fallow thereon,  
sowe wheat ye may well, without dooing therevpon:

New broken vp land, or with water oppressed,  
or ouermuch dunged, for wheat is not best.

30 Where water all winter, annoieth too much,  
bestow not thy wheat, vpon land that is such:

But rather sow Otes, or else bullinong there,  
gray peason or runciuall, sitches or tare.

31 Sow acorns ye owners, that timber doe loue,  
sowe haue and rie with them, the better to proue:

If cattel or conie, may enter to crop,  
young Oke is in danger, of losing his top.

32 Who pelscods delighteth, to haue with the fust,  
if now he doe sow them, I think it not worst:

The greener thy peason, and warmer thy roome,  
more lustie the laier, more plentie they come.

33 So plow vp or delue vp, aduised with skill,  
the bredth of a ridge, and in length as ye will:

Where speedie quickset, for a fence ye will draw,  
to sow in the seed, of the bremble and haw.

34 Though plentie of acorns, the porkling to fat,  
not taken in season, may perish by that:

If ratling or stoeelling, get once in the throat,  
Thou locest thy porkling, a crowne to a groat.

Sowing  
of acorns.

Dissease  
in fat  
hogs.

35 What euerie thing fat is, againe if it fall,  
thou ventrest the thing, and the fatnes withall:  
The fatter the better, to sell oz to kill,  
but not to continue, make pzoofe if ye will.

Burleing  
of dead  
cattell.

36 What euer thing dieth, go burie oz burne,  
for tainting of ground, oz a worser ill turne:  
Such pestilent smell, of a carrenlie thing,  
to cattell and people, great perill may bring.

37 Thy measeled bacon, hog, sow, oz thy boze,  
shut vp for to heale, for infecting thy floze:

Oz kill it for bacon, oz soule it to sell,  
for flemming that loues it so daintily well.

38 With strawwisp, & peasebolt, with ferne & the bzake,  
for sparing of fewell, some bzeu and doo bake:

And heateth their copper, for seething of graines,  
good seruant rewarded, refuseth no paines.

old wheate  
better than  
new

39 Good breadcozne and drinkcozne, ful xx. weekes kept  
is better than new, that at haruest is reapt:

But foistie the breadcozne, and bowdeaten malt,  
for health oz for pzoofit, find noisome thou shalt.

40 By the end of October, go gather vp floes,  
haue thou in readines, plentie of those:

And keepe them in bedstraw, oz still on the bow,  
to stay both the flux, of thy selfe and thy cow.

A medice  
cure for  
cow flux

41 Seeth water and plump therein plenty of floes,  
mix chalke that is dried, in powder with those:

Which so if ye giue, with the water and chalke,  
thou makest the lax, fro thy cow away walke.

42 Be sure of bergis (a gallon at the least)

so good for the kitchin, so needfull for beast:

It helpeth thy cattell, so feeble and faint,  
if timelie such cattell, with it thou acquaint.

Thus endeth Octobers husbandry

¶ Nouembers

**L**et hog once fat,  
lose nothing of that.

When mast is gon,  
hog falleth anon,  
still fat by some,  
till thronetide come.

Now porke and sonse,  
beares tack in house.

Put barlie to malting,  
laie fitches a salting.

Through follie to beaflicke,  
much bacon is reallie.

Some winnow some fan,  
some cast that can.

In casting prouide,  
for sed laie aside.

Thresh barlie thou shalt,  
for chapman to malt.

Else thresh no more,  
but for thy store.

Til March thresh wheat,  
but as ye do eat:

Least baker forlake it,  
if foistines take it.

So chaffe in bin,  
makes horse loke thin.

Now hasting now,  
that hasting allow.

They buie it full deere,  
in winter that reare.

Few sowles, lesse swine,  
reare now friend mine.

What losse, what sturs,  
through rauening curs.

Make Martilmas base,  
deere meat is a thefe,

Set garlike and pease,  
saint Edmond to please.

13 When raine takes place,  
to threshing apace.

14 Had braine, to rough,  
mars all at plough.  
With staile and whips,  
fat hen short ships.

15 Some threshing by taske,  
will steale and not aske.  
Such threshers at night,  
walkes seldome home light.  
Some cozne a waile lag,  
in bottle and bag.  
Some scales for a iest,  
ege out of the nest.

16 Laie flour by drie,  
in order to lie.  
More bullocke both crane,  
fresh straw to haue.

17 Make wakelie by flower,  
though threshers doe lower.  
Laie graine in lost,  
and turne it oft.

18 For much regard,  
make cleane soule yard;  
Lay straw to rot,  
in watric plot.

19 Hedlond by plow,  
for compas inow.

20 For herbes good store,  
trench garden more.

21 At midnight trie,  
soule priues to fie.

22 Rid chimney of soot,  
from top to the foot.

23 In stable put now,  
thy horses for plow.

24 Good horsekeeper will,  
laie much upon hill.

25 Cut molehills that stand,  
so thick vpon land.

Thus endeth Nouembers abstract,  
agreeing with Nouem.  
husbandrie.

Other short remem-  
brances.

Get pole boy mine,  
beat halwes to swine.  
Driue hog to the wood,  
bake roots be good.  
For mischæse that fals,

loke well to marth wals.  
Drie laier get neat,  
and plentie of meat.  
Curst cattell that nurtesth,  
poze dennell sone hurteth.  
God neighbor mine,  
ring well thy swine.  
Such winter may serue,  
hog ringled will sterue.  
In frost keepe dog,  
from hunting of hog.

Here ends Nouembers short remembrances.

¶ Nouembers husbandrie.

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Nouember take haille,  
Let thy no more faile.

Forgotten month past  
Doo now at the last.

**A** Hallontide, slaughtertime entereth in,  
and then doth the husbandmans feasting begin,  
from thence vnto shroftide, kil now and then some,  
their offal for household, the better will come.

1 Thy dzedge and thy barlie, goe thresch out to malt,  
let maltster be cunning else lose it thou shalt:

The increase of a seame, is a buschel for stowe,  
bad else is the barlie, or hus wife much moze.

3 Some vseth to winnow, some vseth to fan,  
some vseth to cast it, as cleane as they can  
for seed goe and cast it, for malting not so,  
but get out the cockle, and then let it goe.

4 Thresch barlie as yet, but as need shall require,  
fresh thresched for stouer, thy cattell desire:

And therefore that thresching, forbear as ye may,  
till Candlemas comming, for sparing of hay.

5 Such wheat as ye keepe, for the baker to buie,  
vnthresched till March, in the sheafe let it lie:

Thresching of  
barlie.

Leas

Thresh-  
ing of  
wheat.

Chaffe of  
coyars.

- Least foistines take it, if sooner ye thresh it,  
although by oft turning ye seeme to refresh it.
- 6 Saue chaffe of the barlie, of wheat and of rie,  
from fetters and foistines, where it doth lie:  
which mixed with cozne, being sifted of dust,  
to giue to thy cattel, when serue them ye must.
- 7 Greene peason oz hastings, at Hoilantide sowe,  
in hartp good soile, he requireth to grow:  
Gray peason oz runciualls, cheere to stand,  
at Candlemas sow, with a plentiful hand.
- 8 Leau latewardly rearing, keepe now no more swine,  
but such as thou maiest, with the ossal of thine,  
Except ye haue wherewith, to fat them away,  
the fewer thou keepest, keepe better thou may.
- 9 To reare vp much pultrie, and want the barne dooze,  
is naught for the pulter, and woze for the pooze:  
So now to keepe hogs, and to sterue them for meat,  
is as to keepe dogs, for to baule in the street.
- 10 As cat a good mouser, is needfull in house,  
because for her commons, she killeth the mouse:  
So rauening curs, as a meany do keepe,  
makes maister want meat, and his dog to kill sheepe.
- 11 For Easter at Martilmas, hang vp a beefe,  
for stall fed and pease fed, play pickpurse the theefe:  
With that and the like, yer grasse beefe come in,  
thy folk shal looke cheere, when others looke thin.
- 12 Set garlike and beanes, at S. Edmond the king,  
the Moone in the waine, thereon hangeth a thing:  
The increase of a pottle, (well proued of some)  
shall pleasure thy household, yer pestod time come.
- 13 When raine is a let, to thy doings abroad,  
set threshers a threshing, to lay on good lode:  
Thresh cleane ye must bid them, though lesser thy payne  
and looking to thriue, haue an eie to thy barne.

Martil-  
mas beefe

Set gar-  
like and  
beanes.



14 Take heed to thy man, in his furie and heate,  
with ploughstaffe, & whipstock, for maiming thy neat:  
To thy shep for hurting, of cow with his flaile,  
or making thy hen, to play tapple vp taile.

Come  
Reapers.

15 Some pilfering thy shep, will walke with a staffe,  
will carrie home corne, as it is in the chaffe:  
And some in his bottle of lether so great,  
will carrie home daily, both barley and wheat.

16 If houseroome will serue thee, lay stouer vp drie,  
and euery sort, by it selfe for to lie:

Or stack it for litter, if roome be to poore,  
and thatch out the residue, noient the doore.

17 Cause weckely thy thy shep, to make vp his stower,  
Though slothfull and pilferer, thereat doe lower:

Take tub for a season, take sack for a shift,  
yet garner for graine, is the better for thy shift.

18 All maner of straw, that is scattered in yard,  
good husbandy husbands, haue daily regard,  
In pit full of water, the same to bestow,  
where lying to rot, thereof profit may grow.

19 Now plough vp thy headlond, or delue it with spade  
where otherwise profit, but little is made:

And cast it vp high, vpon hillocks to stand,  
that winter may rot it, to compasse thy land.

Trenching  
of gardenes. 20 If garden require it, now trench it ye may,  
one trench not a yard, from another goe lay:

Which beeing well filled, with muck by and by,  
go couer with mould, for a season to ly.

21 Foule priues are now, to be clensed and side,  
let night be appointed, such baggage to hide:

Which buried in garden, in trenches alow,  
shall make very many things, better to grow.

22 The chimney all sooty, would now be made cleane,  
for feare of mischances, too oftentimes scene:

Olde



Old chimney and sootie, if sler once take,  
 by burning and breaking, soone mischief may make.  
 23 When ploughing is ended, and pasture not great,  
 then stable thy horses, and tend them with meat:  
 Let season be drie, when ye take them to house,  
 for danger of nits, or for feare of a louse.  
 24 Lay compasse by handsomlie, round on a hill,  
 to walke in thy yard, at thy pleasure and will:  
 Make compasse it maketh, and handsome the plot,  
 if horsekeeper daily forgetteth it not.  
 25 Make hillocks of molehills, in field throughout,  
 and so to remaine, till the yeere go about:  
 Make also the like, wheras plots be to hie,  
 all winter a rotting, for compas to lie.

Sawing  
 of bobing.

Thus endeth Nouembers husbandrie.

## Decembers abstract. Chap. 20.

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| 1 | N | o season to hedge,<br>get beetle and wedge.        | And such as in dæd,<br>may help at an næd. |   |  |
|   | C | leauē logs now all,<br>for kitchin and hall.       | 8  | O | bserue this law,<br>in seruing out straw.          |
| 2 | D | ull working toles,<br>some courage coles.          | 9  | I | n walking about,<br>god fork spie out.             |
| 3 | L | eaue off tittle tattle,<br>go serue your cattle.   | 10   | A | t full and at change,<br>spring tides are strange. |
|   | S | erue yong poze elues,<br>alone by them selues.     |  | I | f doubt ye fray,<br>driue cattell away.            |
| 4 | W | arme barth for neat,<br>worth halfe their meat.    | 11   | D | anke ling forgot,<br>will quickly rot.             |
|   | T | he elder that nurteth,<br>the yonger some hurteth. | 12   | H | ere learne and fry,<br>to turne it and drie.       |
| 5 | H | ouse cow that is old,<br>while winter doth hold.   | 13   | N | ow stocks remoue,<br>that Orcharde lone.           |
| 6 | O | ut once in a daie,<br>to drinke and to plate.      | 14   | S | et stocks to grow,<br>so thick now to low.         |
| 7 | G | et trustie to serue,<br>least cattell do sterue.   |  | S | et now as they come,<br>both Cherrie and Plome.    |
|   |   |  | 15   | S | heeps  |

- 15 Shyre, hog, and ill beast,  
bids stock to ill feast.  
16 At Christmas is good,  
to let thy horse blood.  
17 Marke here what rable,  
of evils in stable.  
18 Wir well (old gaffe)  
horse corne with chaffe.  
Let Jack no; Gill,  
fetch corne at will.  
19 Some countries gift,  
to make hard shift.  
Some cattel wel fare,  
with fitches and tare.  
Fitches and tares,  
be þo;folke wares.  
20 Tares threshed with skill,  
bestow as ye will.  
21 Hide strawberries wise,  
to saue their life.  
22 Knot border at all,  
now couer ye shall.  
23 Velp bees swet conse,  
with liquor and honie.  
24 Get campers a ball,  
to campe therewithall.  
Thus endeth Decembers abs-  
tract, agreeing with Decem-  
bers husbandrie.

## Other short remembrances.

Let Christmas spie,  
peard cleane to lie.  
No labour no sweat,  
goe labour for heat.  
Feed dones but kill not,  
if strowe them ye will not.  
Fat hog or (per ye kill it)  
or else ye doe spill it.  
Put ore in stall,  
per ore doe fall.  
Who seetheth her graines,  
hath profit for paines.  
Rid garden of mallow,  
plant willow and fallow.  
Let boze life render,  
se bratwe lod tender,  
For wise fruit bie,  
for Christmas pie.  
All bread and ill drink,  
makes many ill think.  
Both meat and rest,  
ill dressed halfe lost.  
Who hath therewithall,  
may chere when he shall.  
But charged man,  
must chere as he can.

Thus endeth Decembers short remembrances.

## Decembers husbandry.

Chap. 21.

O vertie december,  
For Christmas remember.

For gotten month past,  
Doo new at the last.

Beetle &  
wedges.

When frost will not suffer, to dike and to hedge,  
then get thee a heat, with thy beetle & wedge.  
Once Hallemas come, and a fire in the hall,

such

such slivers do well, for to lie by the wall.

- 2 Get grindstone and whetstone, for tooles that is dull,  
or often be letted, and fret bellie full:

Grinding  
stone, and  
whetstone

A wheelebarrow also, be readie to haue,  
at hand of thy seruant, thy compasse to saue.

- 3 Giue cattel their fodder, in plot drie and warme,  
and count them for miring, and other like harme:

Pong coltes with thy vennels, together go serue,  
least lurched by others, they happen to sterue.

- 4 The rack is commended, for sauing of dong,  
to set as the old cannot mischiefe the pong:

In tempest (the wind being northly or east,)  
warne barth vnder hedge, is a succour to beast.

- 5 The housing of cattell, while winter doth hold,  
is good for all such, as are feeble and old:

Housing  
of cattell.

It sauech much compas, and many a sleepe,  
and spareth the pasture, for walke of thy sheepe.

- 6 For charges so little, much quiet is won,  
if strongly and hard somely, all things be don:

But vse to vntackle them, once in a daie,  
to rub and to lick them, to drinke and to plaie.

- 7 Get trustie to tend them, not lubberlie squire,  
that all the day long hath his nose at the fire:

For trust vnto children, poore cattell to feed,  
but such as be able to help at a need.

- 8 Serue rie strawe out first, then wheat straw and pease,  
then ote straw and barlie, then haie if ye please:

But serue them with haie, while the straw stouer last  
then lone they no straw, they had rather to fast.

- 9 Pokes, forks, and such other, let bailie spie out,  
and gather the same, as he walketh about:

Forks &  
pokes.

And after at leasure, let this be his hier,  
to beath them and trim them, at home by the fier.

- 10 As well at the ful, of the Moone as the change,

D

sea

sea rages in winter, be suddenly strange:

Then looke to thy marshes, if doubt be to fray,  
for feare of (Ne forte) haue cattell awaie.

12 Both saltfish and lingfish (if any ye haue)  
thzough shifting and drying, from rotting to saue,  
Least winter with moistnes, do make it relent,  
and put it in hazard, befoze it be spent.

How to  
bse ling &  
haberdin

13 Broome fagot is best, to drie haberdin on,  
laie boord vpon ladder, if faggots be gon:

For breaking (in turning) haue verie good eie,  
and blame not the wind, so the weather be drie.

14 Good fruit and good plentie, doth well in the loft,  
then make thee an orchard, and cherish it oft:

For plant or for stock, laie afoze hand to cast,  
but set or remoue it, yer Christmasse be past.

For:  
thard post

15 Set one fro another, full fortie foote wide,  
to stand as he stood, is a part of his pride:

More faire, more wortheie, of cost to remoue,  
more steadie ye set it, more likelie to proue.

16 To teach and vnteach, in a schoole is vnmeet,  
to doo and vndoo, to the purse is vnswet:

Then orchard or hopyard, so trimmed with cost,  
should not thzough follie, be spoiled and lost.

Letting  
horse  
blood

17 Yer Christmas be passed, let horse be let blood,  
for many a purpose, it doth them much good:

The day of S. Steuen, old fathers did vse,  
if that doe mislike thee, some other day chuse,

Breeding  
of the bots

18 Looke well to thy horses in stable thou must,  
that haie be not foistie, nor chaffe full of dust:

For stone in their prouender, feathers nor clots,  
nor fed with green peason, for breeding of bots.

19 Some horsekeeper, latheth out prouender so,  
some Gillian spendall, so often doth go:

For hogs meat, and hens meat, for that and for this,  
that

that corne lost is emptied, yet chapman hath his.

20 Some countries are pinched, of meadowes for hay,  
yet ease it with fitches, as well as they may:

Which sowed and threshed, and husbandly dight,  
keepe labouring cattle, in verie good plight.

21 In threshing out fitches, one point I will shew.  
first thresh out for seed, of the fitches a few:

Thresh few for thy plowhorse, thresh cleane for thy cow  
this order in Norfolk, good husbands allow.

22 If frost doe continue, take this for a law,  
the strawberries looke, to be couered with straw:

Layd ouerlie trim, vpon crotches and bowes,  
and after vncouered, as weather allowes.

23 The gilliflower also, the skilfull doe know,  
doth looke to be couerd, in frost and in snow:

The knot and the border, and rosemary gay,  
doe craue the like succour, for dying away.

24 So looke to thy bees, if thy hieue be too light,  
set water and honie, with rosemary dight:

Which set in a dish, full of sticks in the hieue,  
from danger of famine, ye saue them aliue.

25 In meadow or pasture (to grow the more fine)  
let campers be camping, in any of thine:

Which if ye do suffer, when low is the spring,  
you gaine to your selfe, a commodious thing.

Thus endeth Decembers husbandrie.

A digression to hospitality.

Chap. 22.

**I** Saue husbandry sleeping, a while ye must do,  
to learne of housekeeping a lesson or two:

What euer is lent thee, by labour and paine,  
a time there is lent thee, to rend it againe.

Although ye defend it, vnspend for to be,  
a nother shall spend it, no thanke vnto thee,

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How

How to  
preserve  
Bees.



How euer we clumbe, to accomplishe the mind,  
we haue but a time, thereof profit to find.

— A description of the time, and yeere.

Chap. 23.

**O**F God to thy doings, a time there is sent,  
which endeth with time, that in dooing is spent:  
For time is it selfe, but a time for a time,  
forgotten full scene, as a tune of a chime.  
In spring time we reare, we sow and we plant,  
in Summer get vittels, least after we want:  
In haruest we carry in cozne, and the fruit,  
in winter to spend, as we need of ech suit.  
The yeare I compare as I find for a truth,  
the spring vnto childhood, the Summer to youth:  
The haruest to manhood, the winter to age,  
all quickly forgot, as a plaie on the stage.  
Time past is forgotten, yet men be aware,  
time ppresent is thought on, with wonderfull care,  
Time comming is feared, and therefore we saue,  
yet oft yet it come, we be gon to the graue.

A description of life and riches.

Chap. 24.

**W**ho liuing, but dailie descerne it he may,  
how life as a shadow, doth vanish away:  
And nothing to count on, so sure to trust,  
as sure of death and to turne to dust.  
The lands and the riches, that here we possesse,  
be none of our owne, if a God we professe:  
But lent vs of him, as his talent of gold,  
which being demanded, who can it withhold:  
God maketh no writing, that iustly doth say,  
how long we shall haue it a yeare or a day:  
But leaue it we must (howsoeuer we leaue,)  
when Atrop shall pluck vs from thence by the sleaue.

To



To death we must sloop, be we hie be we low,  
but how and how suddenly, few be that know:  
What carrie we then, but a sheet to the graue,  
to couer this carcase, of all that we haue:

Trop of  
death.

A description of house-keeping.

Chap. 25.

What then of this talent, while here we remaine,  
but studie to yeeld it, to God with againe:  
And that shall we doo, if we doo it not hid,  
but vse and bestow it, as Christ doth vs bid.  
What good to get riches, by breaking of sleepe,  
but hauing the same a good house for to keepe,  
Not onely to bring a good fame to thy doore,  
but also the prayer to win of the poore,  
Of all other doings, house keeping is ~~best~~ *chiefe*  
for daily it helpeth, the poore with reliefe:  
The neighbor, the stranger, and all that haue need,  
which causeth thy doings the better to speed.  
Though harken to this, we should euer among,  
yet cheefely at Christmas, of all the yeare long:  
Good cause of that vse, may appeare by the name,  
though niggardly niggards, doe kick at the same.

A description of the feast of the birth of Christ, commonly  
called Christmasse. Chap. 26.

Of Christ cometh Christmas, the name with y<sup>e</sup> feast,  
a time full of ioy, to the greatest and least:  
At Christmas was Christ our Sautoz borne,  
the world through sinne, altogether forlozne.  
At Christmas the daies do begin to take length,  
of Christ doth religion, chiefly take strength:  
As Christmas is onely, a figure or trope,  
so onely is Christ, the strength of our hope.  
At Christmas we banquet, the rich with the poore,

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Who

who then but the miser, but openeth his doore:  
 At Christmas of Christ, many carols we sing,  
 and giue many gifts, in the ioy of that king.  
 At Christmas in Christ, we reioise and be glad,  
 as onely of whom, our comfort is had:  
 At Christmas we ioy, altogether with mirth,  
 for his sake that ioyed vs all with his birth,

A description of apt time to spend.

Chap. 27.

**L** Et such (so fantastickall) liking not this,  
 nor any thing honest, that ancient is:  
 Giue place to the time, that so meet we do see,  
 appointed of God, as it seemeth to be.  
 At Christmas good husbands, haue corne on þ ground,  
 in barne and in sollar, woorth many a pound:  
 with plentie of other things, cattel and sheepe,  
 al sent them no doubt, good houses to keepe.  
 At Christmas the hardnes, of winter doth rage,  
 a griper of all things, and specially age:  
 Then lightly pooze people, the yong with the old,  
 be sorest oppressed, with hunger and cold.  
 At Christmas by labor, is little to get:  
 that wanting, the poozest in danger are set,  
 What season then better, of all the whole yeare,  
 thy needy pooze neighbor to comfort and cheere,

Against fantastickall scruplenesse.

Chap 28.

**A**t this time & that time, some make a great matter,  
 some help not but hinder, þ pooze with their clatter:  
 Take custome from feasting, what commeth then last,  
 where one hath a dinner, a hundred shall fast.  
 To dog in the manger, some liken I could,  
 that hay will eate none, nor let other that would:  
 Some scarce in a yeare, giue a dinner or two,

nor well can abide, any other to do,  
 Play thou the good fellow, seeke none to misdeeme,  
 Disdaine not the honest, though merry they seeme,  
 For oftentimes seeme, no more very a knaue,  
 then he that doth counterfet, most to be graue.

*Christmas husbandly fare. Chap. 29*

**G**od husband and huswife, now chiefly be glad,  
 things handsome to haue, as they ought to be had:  
 They both prouide, against Christmas doe come,  
 to welcome good neighbor, good cheere to haue some.  
 Good bread and good drink, a good fier in the hal,  
 bratwne, pudding and soule, and good mustard withall:  
 Beefe, mutton and porke, shread pies of the best,  
 pig, beale, goose and capon, and turkey well drest,  
 Cheese, apples and nuts, iollie carols to heare,  
 as then in the country is counted good cheere.  
 What cost to good husband, is any of this:  
 good houshold prouision, onely it is,  
 Of other the like, I leaue out a menie,  
 that costeth the husbandman, neuer a penie.

¶ A Christmas Carol of the birth of Christ,  
*upon the tune of king Salomon.*  
 Chap. 30.

**V**As not Christ our Saviour,  
 sent to vs from God aboue,  
 not for our good behauiour:  
 but onely of his mercy and loue.  
 If this be true as true it is,  
 truly indeed:  
 great thanks to God to yeeld for this,  
 then had we need.

2 This did our God for very troth,  
 to traine to him the soule of man,

and iustly to perforce the oth :  
to Sara and to Abraham than,  
That through his seed all nations should,  
most blessed bee :

As in due time perforce he would,  
as now wee see.

3 Which wondrously is brought to pas,  
and in our sight alreadie done,  
by sending as his promise was,  
to comfort vs his onely sonne,  
euen Christ (I meane) that virgins child,  
in Bethlem borne :

that Lambe of God, that Prophet milde,  
with crowned thorne.

4 Such was his loue to saue vs all,  
from danger of the curse of God,  
that wee stood in by Adams fall,  
and by our owne deserued rod,  
That through his blood and holy name,  
who so beleuevs :

and flie from sinne and abhor the same,  
free mercie he giues.

5 For these glad newes this feast doth bring,  
to God the Sonne and holy Ghost,  
let man giue thanks, reioyce and sing :  
from world to world, from coast to coast,  
for all good gifts so many waies,  
that God doth send :

let vs in Christ giue God the praise,  
till life shall end.

*T. Tuffer.*

At Christmas be merrie and thankfull withall,  
And feast thy poore neighbours the great and the small :  
Pea, all the yere long, to the poore let vs giue,  
Gods blessing to follow vs whiles we doe liue.

- B**3d Christmas adew,  
thy stock now rencw.
- 2 Who killeth a neat,  
hath cheaper his meat.  
Fat home fed soule,  
is good in a house.
- 3 Who dainties loue,  
a beggar shall proue.  
Who alwaie fels,  
in hunger dwels.
- 4 Who nothing saue,  
shall nothing haue.
- 5 Laie durt vpon heapes,  
some profit it reaps.  
When weather is hard,  
get much out of yard.  
A fallow bestow,  
where pease shall grow.  
God peason and white,  
a fallow will quite.
- 6 Go gather quickset,  
the pongest to get.  
Dig garden, stroy mallow,  
set willow and fallow.  
Grane willow for stake,  
in banke will take.
- 7 Let Dow go to buck,  
with conie god luck.  
Spare labour for monie,  
stoye bozough with conie,  
Get warrener bound,  
to vermine thy ground.  
Fed doves but kill not,  
if lose them ye will not.  
Done-house repaire,  
make done hole faire.  
For hop ground cold,  
do ue dong worth gold.
- 8 God gardiner mine,  
make garden fine.  
Set garden pease,  
and beanes if ye please.  
Set respis and rose,  
pong roots of those.
- 9 The timelie buier,  
hath cheaper his fier.
- 10 Some burns without wit,  
some fierlesse sit.
- 11 Now season is god,  
to lop or fell wodd.  
Prime trees some allowes,  
for catell to broods.
- 12 Give shep to their fés,  
the middle of trées.
- 13 Let lop be thorne,  
that hinder cozne.  
Saue edder and stake,  
strong hedge to make.
- 14 For sap as ye know,  
let one bough grow.  
Pert yeare ye may,  
that bough cut alwaie.
- 15 A lesson god,  
to increase more wodd.
- 16 Saue crotches of wodd,  
saue spars and studd.  
Saue hop for his dole,  
the strong long pole.
- 17 How euer ye scotch,  
saue pole and crotch.
- 18 From Christmas to May,  
weake cattel decay.
- 19 With bergis acquaint,  
pote bullock so saint:  
This medicine approued,  
is for to be loued.



- 20 Let plaister lie,  
thre daies to trie.  
Too long if ye staie,  
taile rots awaie.
- 21 Cwes readie to peane,  
craues ground ryd cleane.  
Kepe shepe out of byers,  
kepe beast out of miers.
- 22 Kepe bushes from bill,  
till hedge ye will.  
Best had for thy turne,  
their roots goe and burne.
- 23 No bushes of mine,  
if fence be thine.
- 24 In stubbed plot,  
fill hole with clot:
- 25 Kid graspe of bones,  
of sticks and stones.
- 26 Warne barth give lams,  
god sodb to their dams.  
Loke dailie well to them,  
least dogs bndw them.
- 27 Pong lambe well sold,  
fat lambe worth gold.
- 28 Kepe twins for bred,  
as ewes haue ned.
- 29 One calfe if it please ye,  
now reared shall ease ye.  
Calves likely reare,  
at rising of yeare.  
Calfe large and leane,  
is best to weane.
- 30 Calfe lict take awaie,  
and house it ye maie.  
This point I allow,  
for seruand and cow.
- 31 Calves ponger than other,  
learnes one of another.
- 32 No danger at all,  
to geld as they fall.  
Pet Michell cries,  
please butchers eies.
- 33 Sow readie to fare,  
craues huswiues care.
- 34 Leane sow but fine,  
the better to thine.
- 35 Weane such for stoe,  
as sucks besore.  
Weane onely but thre,  
large bidders to be.
- 36 Lam, bulchin and pig,  
geld under the big.
- 37 Learne wit fir dolt,  
in gelding of colt.
- 38 Geld pong thy fillie,  
else perish will ginnie.  
Let gelding alone,  
so large of bone.  
By breathlie rits,  
few profit hits.
- 39 Bred euer the best,  
and do off the rest.  
Of long and large,  
take huswife a charge.
- 40 God cow and god ground,  
yelds yereleie a pound.  
God faring sow,  
holds profit with cow.
- 41 Who keepes but twaine,  
the more may gaine.
- 42 Tietly instle god garson,  
else dzine will the parson.
- 43 Thy garden twisallow,  
stroe hemlock and mallow.
- 44 Like practise they prone,  
that hops doe lone.

45 Sow make and wand in,  
trim bowler to stand in.  
Leaue wadling about,  
till arboz be out.

46 Who now sowes otes,  
gets gold and grotes.

Who sowes in Paie,  
gets little that waie.

47 Go breake bp land,  
get mattock in hand.

Stub root so tough,  
foz breakeing of plough.

48 That greater crime,  
than losse of time.

49 Late land foz lease,  
breake bp if ye please.

But fallow not yet,  
that hast anie wit.

50 Where drink ye sow,  
god tilth bestow.

51 Small profit is found,  
bp peeling of ground.

52 Land past the best,  
cast bp the rest.

Thus endeth Ianuaries abra-  
tract, agreeing with Ianua-  
ries husbandrie.

Other short remembrances

Get pulling hooke firs,  
foz brome and firs.

Bluck brome, brome still,  
cut brome, brome kill.

Brome pluckt bp and bp,  
breake bp foz rie.

Friend ringe thy hog,  
oz loke foz a dog.

In casting prouide,  
foz sed laie aside.

Get dong friend mine,  
foz stock and vine.

If earth be not soft,  
go dig it aloft.

Foz quagmire get boots,  
Stub alders and roots.

Hop poles war scant,  
foz poles mo plant.

Set Chestnut and walnut,  
set filberd and smalnut.

Peach plumtre& and cherie,  
pong baie and his berrie.

Do set their stone,  
vnset leaue out none.

Sow kernels to beare,  
of apple and peare.

All trees that beare gum,  
set now as they cum.

Sow let oz remoue,  
such stocks as ye loue.

Here ends Ianuaries short  
remembrances.

Of trees or roots to be set  
or remoued.

1 Apples trees of all sorts.

2 Apricocks.

3 Barberies.

4 Bulleste black and white

5 Cherries red and black

6 Chestnuts

7 Coznet plums

8 Damfens white and black

9 Filberds red and white

10 Goseberies

11 Grapes white and red

12 Crane oz grasse plums

13 Hurtleberies

14 Pedlers oz Paries.

15 Pulberies

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| 15 Mulberries                  | 23 Strawberies red and whit |
| 16 Peach white and red         | 24 Seruice trées            |
| 17 Peares of all sorts         | 25 Walnuts                  |
| 18 Pearplums black and yellow. | 26 Wardens white and red.   |
| 19 Quince trées.               | 27 Wheat plums              |
| 20 Kelpis                      | How set ye may,             |
| 21 Keisons                     | the bor and baie,           |
| 22 Small nuts                  | Waithorne and prim,         |
|                                | for clothes trim.           |

## ¶ Iauuaries husbandry.

Chap. 32.

I kinde good Ianuere,  
Freefeth pot by the seere.

Forgotten month past,  
Doo now at the last.

Husband:  
by lessons.

- 1 **W**hen Christmas is ended, bid feasting adue,  
goe plaie the good husband, thy stock to reue:  
Be mindfull of rearing, in hope of a gaine,  
Dame profit shall giue thee, reward for thy paine.  
2 Who both by his calfe, and his lambe will be known,  
may well kill a neat, and a sheepe of his own:  
And he that can reare vp a pig in his house,  
hath cheaper his bacon, and sweeter his soule.  
3 Who eateth his beale, pig and lambe being froth,  
shall twise in a weeke, go to bed without broth:  
Unskilfull that passe not, but sell awaie sell,  
shall neuer haue plentie, where euer they dwell.  
4 Be greedie in spending, and careles to saue,  
and shortly be needie, and readie to craue:  
Be wilfull to kill, and unskilfull to stowe,  
and looke for no foizon, I tell thee before.  
5 Laie dirt vpon heapes, faire yerd to be scene,  
if frost will abide it, to field with it cleene,  
In winter a fallow, some loue to bestowe,  
where pease for the pot, they intend for to sow.  
6 In making or mending, as needeth thy ditch,  
get set to quickset it, learne cunningly which,

In hedging (where claie is) get stake as ye know:  
of popler and willow, for fewell to grow.

7 Leauē killing of conie, let Doe go to buck,  
and vermine thy burrow, for feare of ill luck:

Feed dour (no more killing) old dour-house repaire,  
saue dour doong for hopyard, when house ye make faire.

8 Dig garden, stroy mallow, now may ye at ease,  
and let (as a daintie) thy runcifall pease:

Runcifall  
peasen.

Go cut and set roies, choose aptly the plot,  
the rootes of the yongest, are best to be got.

9 In tyme go and bargaine, least worser ye fall,  
for fewell for making for cariage and all:

To buie at the stub, is the best for the buier,  
more timely provision, the cheaper is fier.

10 Some burneth a load at a time in his hall,  
some neuer leauē burning, til burnt they haue all:

Some making of hauck, without any wit,  
make a many poore soules, without fire to sit.

11 If frost doe continue, this lesson doth well  
for comfort of cattell, the fewell to sell:

From euerie tree, the superfluous bowes,  
now prune for thy neat, thereupon to goe house.

12 In pruning and trimming, all maner of trees,  
reserue to ech cattell, their properlie fees:

If snow do continue, sheepe hardly that fare,  
crave Hible and Iuie, for them for to spare.

13 Now lop for thy fewell old pollenger grown,  
that hinder the corne or the grasse to be mown:

In lopping and felling, saue edder and stake.  
thine hedges as needeth, to mend or to make.

14 In lopping old Iocham, for feare of misbap,  
one bough stae vnlopped, to cherish the sap:

The second yeare after, then boldly yee may,  
for dzypping his fellowes, that bough cut awaie.

The pro:  
perrie of  
soft wood.

- 15 Lop popler and fallow, elme, maple and prie,  
well saued from cattell, til Summer to lie:  
So far as in lopping, their tops ye do sling,  
so far without planting, yooing copie will spring,  
16 Such fewell as standing, alate ye haue bought,  
now sell it and make it, and do as ye ought:  
Giue charge to the hewers (that many things mars)  
to how out for crotches, for poles and for spars,  
17 If hopyard or orchard, ye mind for to haue,  
for hop poles and crotches, in lopping go saue:  
Which husbandly saued, may serue at a push,  
and stop by so hauing, two gaps with a bush.  
18 From Christmas, til May be wel entered in,  
some cattel wax faint, and looke poozely and thin,  
And cheefelie when prime grasse, at first doth appere,  
then most is the danger, of all the whole yere.

A medicine  
for faint  
cattell.

- 19 Take vergis and heat it, a pint for a cow,  
bay salt a handfull, to rub toong ye wot how:  
That done with the salt, let her drinke of the rest,  
this many times raiseth, the feeble vp best.

To fasten  
loose teeth  
in a bul-  
lock.

- 20 Pooze bullock with browsing, and naughtily fed,  
scarce feedeth, her teeth be so loose in her hed:  
Then slice ye the taile, where ye feele it so soft,  
with soot and with garlick, bound to it aloft.

Ewes by-  
on caning

- 21 By bzeubles and bushes in pasture too full,  
pooze sheepe be in danger, and looseth their wooll:  
Now therefore thine ewe, vpon lamming so neere,  
desireth in pasture that al may be cleere.

- 22 Leauie grubbing or pulling, of bushes (my sonne)  
til timelie thy fences, require to be done:

Then take of the best, for to furnish thy turne,  
and home with the rest, for the fier to burne.

- 23 In euerie greene, if the fence be not thine,  
now stub vp the bushes, the grasse to be fine:

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Least neighbor do daily, so hack them beline,  
that neither thy bushes, nor pasture can thriue.

24 In ridding of pasture, with turfes that lie by,  
fil euerie hole vp, as close as a die:

The labour is little, the profit is gay,  
whateuer the loitering labourers say.

25 The sticks and the stones go and gather vp cleene,  
for hurting of lieth, or for harming of greene:

For feare of Hew prowler, get home with the rest,  
when frost is at hardest, then cariage is best.

26 Long broome or good pasture, thy ewes do require, Ewes lambs  
warne barth and in safety, their lambs do desire:

Looke often wel to them, for foxes and dogs,  
for pits and for brambles, for vermin and hogs.

27 More dainty the lambe, more worth to be sold,  
the sooner the better, for ewe that is old:

But if ye do mind, to haue milke of the dame,  
til May do not seuer, the lambe fro the same.

28 Ewes peere by twinning, rich maisters do make,  
the lambe for such twinners, for breeders go take:

For twinlings be twiggers, increase for to bring,  
though some for their twigging, Peccaui may sing.

29 Calves likely that come, betweene Christmas & Lent Rearing  
of calves.  
take hul wife to reare, or else after repent:

Of such as do fal betweene change and the prime,  
no rearing but sel, or go kil them in time.

30 House calfe and goe suckle it, twise in a day,  
and after a while, set it water and hay:

Stake ragged to rub on, no such as wil bend,  
they weane it wel tended, at fiftie daies end.

31 The senioz weaned, his yonger shal teach,  
how both to drinke water, and hay for to reach:

More stroken and made of, when ought it doth aile,  
more gentle ye make it for yoke or the paille.

**Of gelding** 32 Geld bul calfe and ram lamb, as soone as they say  
for therein is lightly no danger at all:

Some pareth the tone for to pleasure the eie,  
to haue him shew greater, when butchers shall bie.

33 Sowes ready to farrow this tunc of the yeere,  
are for to made of, and counted full deere:  
For now is the losse of the far of the sow,  
more great then the losse, of two calves of thy cow.

**Rearing  
of pigs.**

34 Of one sow together reare few aboute five,  
and those of the fairest, and likeliest to thriue:

Ungelt of the best, keepe a couple for stoz,  
one boze pig and sow pig, that sucketh befoze.

**Way to  
haue a  
large breed  
of hogs**

35 Who hath a desire to haue stoz very large,  
at whitson tide, let him giue huswife a charge,  
To reare of a sow at once, onely but thre,  
and one of them also, a boze for to be.

**Gelding  
tunc.**

36 Geld vnder the dam, within fortnight at least,  
and saue both thy mony, and life of the beast,  
Geld later with gelders, as many one doe,  
and looke of a dosen, to geld away two.

37 Thy colts for the saddle, geld yong to be light,  
for cart do not so, if thou iudgest aright:  
For geld not, but when they are lusty and fat,  
for there is a point, to be learned in that.

38 Geld fillies (but tits) yer a nine daies of age,  
they die else of gelding, (or gelders do rage):  
Yong fillies so lik elie, of bulk and of bone,  
keepe such to be breeders let gelding alone.

**Reare the  
fairest of  
all things.**

39 For gaining a trifle, sel ouer thy stoz,  
what ioy to acquaintance, what pleasureth more:  
The larger of bodie, the better for breed,  
more forward of growing, more better they speed.

40 Good milchcow well fed, that is faire and sound,  
is peerely for profit, as good as a pound:

And

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And yet by the peere, I haue moued yet now,  
as good to the purse, is a sow as a cow.

85  
Of Cows  
and sows.

41 Keepe one and keepe both, with as little a cost,  
then all shall be saved, and nothing be lost;

Both hauing together, what profit is caught,  
good huswines (I warrant ye) need not be taught.

42 For lambe, pig and calfe, and for other the like,  
tithes so as thy cattell, the Lord doe not strike:

Or if ye deale guilefully, parson will dreue,  
and so to your selfe, a worse turne ye may geue.

43 Thy garden plot lately, well trenched and muckt,  
would now be twofallowed, the mallowes out pluckt

Well censed and purged, of root and of stone,  
that fault therein afterward, found may be none.

44 Remember thy hopyard, if season be drie,  
now dig it and weed it, and so let it lie:

weeding  
of hops  
yard.

More fennie the laier, the better his lust,  
more apt to beare hops, when it crumbles like dust.

45 To arbor begun, and quick setted about;  
no powling nor wadling, till set be far out:

For rotten and aged, may stand for a shew,  
but hold to their tackling, there doe but a few.

46 In Ianuarie husband, that pouceth the grotes,  
will breake by his lay, or be sowing of otes:

Sowing  
of Otes.

Otes sowne in Ianuarie, lay by thy wheat,  
in May by the hay, for the cattell to eat.

47 Let seruant be readie with mattocke in hand,  
to stub out the bushes, that noie the land:

And cumber some roots, so annoyng the plough,  
turne vprward their arses, with sorrow inough.

48 Who breaketh by timely, his fallow or lay,  
sets forward his husbandry many away:

Breaking  
by lay in  
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This trimly well ended, doth forwardly bring,  
not onely thy tillage, but all other thing.

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49 Though

Though lay lād ye bzeak vp, when Christmas is gon,  
 for sowing of barlie, otes thereupon:  
 Pet hast not to fallow, till March be begun,  
 least afterward wilbing, it had big vndon.  
 50 Such land as ye bzeake vp, for barly to sow,  
 two earths at the least, yer ye sow it bestow:  
 If land be thereafter, set otting apart,  
 and follow this lesson to comfort thine hart.  
 51 Some bzeaking vp laie, soweth otes to begin,  
 to suck out the moisture, so sower therein:  
 Pet otes with her sucking, a peeler is found,  
 both ill to the maister, and worse to some ground.  
 52 Land arable, driuen or worne to the proose,  
 it craueth some rest, for thy profits behoofe:  
 With otes ye may sow it, the sooner to grasse,  
 moze soone to be pasture, to bring it to passe.

Thus ends Januarie hyl bandye.

¶ Februarie Abstract. Chap 33.

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| <p><b>L</b> Ay compas inow,<br/>         yer ener ye plow.<br/>         2 Place dong heaps alow,<br/>         moze barlie to grow.<br/>         3 Cat etch o: ye plotn,<br/>         with hog, shep, and cow.<br/>         Sow lintals ye may,<br/>         and peason gray.<br/>         Kepe white bnsowne,<br/>         till moze be knowne.<br/>         4 Sow pease god trull,<br/>         the none past full.<br/>         Fine seides then sow,<br/>         whilst none both grow.<br/>         5 Boy follow the plough,<br/>         and harrow inough,<br/>         so harrow ye shall,<br/>         till conered be all.</p> | <p>6 Sow pease not so thin,<br/>         yer plough ye set in.<br/>         7 Late sowedn soze noierh,<br/>         late ripe hog stroietb.<br/>         8 Some prouender saue,<br/>         for plough horse to haue:<br/>         to oren that draw,<br/>         giue haie and not straw.<br/>         To steres ye may,<br/>         mire straw with haie.<br/>         9 Much carting ill tillage,<br/>         makes some to sie village.<br/>         10 Use cattell aright,<br/>         to kepe them in plight.<br/>         11 God quicklet buie,<br/>         old gathered will die.<br/>         12 Sticke bolues a row,<br/>         where runcials grow.</p> |
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- 13 Sow kirkels and haw,  
where redge ye did draw.
- 14 Sow mustard seed,  
and help to kill weed.  
where sets doe grow,  
see nothing ye sow.
- 15 Get vines and offer,  
plash hedge of inclosure.  
Feed biggie thy swan,  
to loue her good man.  
Best hie I aduise,  
least floud do arise.
- 16 Land medow spare,  
there douning is good ware.
- 17 Go strike off the nowles,  
of deluing motwles.  
such hillocks in baine,  
laie lenelled plaine.
- 18 To wet the land,  
let motwle hill stand.
- 19 Powe cattell crane,  
some shift to haue.
- 20 Cow little giueth,  
that hardlie liueth.
- 21 Kid barlie all now,  
cleane forth thy mow.  
Choyse seed out draw,  
saue cattell for straw.
- 22 To coast man ride,  
Lent stasse to pzonide.

Thus endeth Februaries abstract,  
agreeing with Februaries hus-  
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Other short remembrances.

Trench medow and redge,  
dike quickset and hedge.  
To plots not full,

ad bremble and hull.  
Let wheat and the rie,  
for thresher still lie.  
Such straw some saue,  
for thacker to haue.  
Powe cunnie so bagged,  
is some ouerlagged.  
Plash burrow, set clapper,  
for dog is a snapper.  
Good sight who loues,  
must seed their douses.  
Bid hauking adew,  
cast hanke into mew.  
Kepe shep out of briers,  
kepe beaste out of miers.  
Kepe lambs from fox,  
else shepheard go bor.  
Good neighbor mine,  
now yoke thy swine.  
Now enerie daie,  
set hops ye maie.  
Now set for thy pot,  
best hearbs to be got.  
For flowers goe set,  
all sorts ye can get.  
As winter doth prone,  
so may ye remove.  
Now all things reare,  
for all the yeare.  
Watch ponds, goe loke  
to weales and hoke.  
Finances seld repent,  
to scale in Lent.  
Alls fish they get,  
that commeth to net.  
Who much regards,  
make hillocks in yards.

Here endeth Februaries short remembrances.

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Februarie fill the dike,  
with what thou dost like.

For gotten month past,  
Doe now at the last.

- V** Ho laieyth on dowing, yet he laieyth on plow,  
such husbandry vseth, as thurst doth allow :
- One month yet ye spread it, so still let it stand,  
yet euer to plow it, ye take it in hand.
- 2 Place dowing heap alow, by the furrow along,  
where water all winter time, did it such wrong :
- So make ye the land, to bee lustie and fat,  
and coyne thereon sowne, to be better for that.
- 3 Goe plow in the stubble, for now is the season,  
for sowing of fitches, of beanes and of peason :
- Sow runcuals timely, and all that be gray,  
but sow not the white till S. Gregories day.
- 4 Sow peason and beanes, in the wane of the Moone,  
who soweth them sooner, he soweth too soone :
- That they with the planet, may rest and arise,  
and flourish with bearing, most plentifull wise.
- 5 Friend harrow in time, by some maner of meanes,  
not onely thy peason, but also thy beanes :
- Unharrowed die, being buried in clay,  
where harrowed flourish, as flowers in May.
- 6 Both peason and Beanes, sow afoze ye doe plow,  
the sooner ye harrow, the better for you :
- White peason so good, for the purse and the pot,  
let them be well vled, else well doe ye not.
- 7 Haue eye vnto harvest, whatsoeuer ye sow,  
for feare of mischances, by riping to slow :
- Least corne be destroyed, contrarie to right,  
by hogs or by cattell, by daie or by night.
- 8 Good prouender, labouring hozles would haue,  
good haie and good plentie, plow oren do craue :
- To haile out the mucke, and to plow out thy ground,  
or else it may hinder thee, many a pound.

- 9 Who slacketh his tillage, a carter to be,  
for groat got abroad, at home shall loose three,  
And so by his doing, he brings out of hart,  
both land for the corne, and horse for the cart.
- 10 Who abuseth his cattell, and starues them for meat,  
by carting or plowing, his gaine is not great,  
Where he that with labour, can vse them aright,  
hath gaine to his comfort, and cattle in plight.
- 11 Buy quickset at market, new gathered and small,  
buy bushes or willow, to fense it withall:  
Set willows to grow, in the stead of a stake,  
for cattell in summer, a shadow to make.
- 12 Sticke plentie of bowes, among runciuall pease,  
to climber thercon, and to branch at their ease:  
So doing, moze tender and greater they wax,  
if peacocke and turkey, leaue iobbing their wax.
- 13 Sow sow and goe harrow, where redge ye did draw,  
the seed of the bzemle, with kernell and haw:  
Which couered ouerlie, soone to shut out,  
goe see it be ditched, and fensed about.
- 14 Where banks be amended, and newly bp cast,  
sow mustard seed, after a shower be past:  
Where plots full of nettles, be noisome to eie,  
sow therenpon hempseed, and nettles will die.
- 15 The vines and the osiers, cut and goe set,  
if grape be vnpleasant, a better go get:  
Feed swan, and goe make her bp strongly a nest,  
for feare of floud, good and hie is the best.
- 16 Land medow that peerely is spared for hay,  
now fence it and spare it, and dooing it ye may:  
Get moulecatcher cunningly, moule for to kill,  
and harrow, and cast abroad euery hill.
- 17 Where medow or pasture, to mow ye doe lay,  
let moule be dispatched, some manner of way:

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reason.

Catching  
of moules

- Then cast abroad mouhfil, as flat as ye can,  
 for many commodities, following than.
- 18 If pasture by nature, is giuen to be wet,  
 then beare with the molehil, though thick it be set:  
 That lambe may sit on it, and so to sit drie,  
 or else to lie by it, the warmer to lie.
- 19 Friend alway let this be, a part of thy care,  
 for shift of good pasture, lay pasture to spare:  
 So haue you good feeding in bushets and lease,  
 and quickly safe finding, of cattell at ease.
- 20 Where cattel may run about, rousing at will,  
 from pasture to pasture, pooze belly to fill:  
 There pasture and cattell, both hungry and bare,  
 for want of good husbandry, worser do fare.
- 21 Now threshe out thy barley, for malt and for seed,  
 for breadcozne (if need be) to serue as shall need:  
 If worke for the thresher, ye mind for to haue,  
 of wheat and of mestlin, bntreshed go saue.
- 22 Now timely for Lent stuffe, thy money disburse,  
 the longer ye tarrie, for profit the worse:  
 If one penie vantage, be therein to saue,  
 of coastman or Fleming, be sure to haue,

Thus endeth Februaries husbandry.

¶ Marches Abstract. Chap. 35.

**V**ite peason sow,  
 scare hungry crow.

- 2 Spare medow for haie,  
 spare marshes at Maie.
- 3 Kepe shepe from dog,  
 kepe lambs from hog.  
 If fores moule them,  
 then watch or holse them.
- 4 March drie or wet,  
 hop grounds go set.  
 Proue roots well drest,  
 proue euer best.  
 Grant hop great hill,

to grow at will.

From hop long gut,  
 alwaie go cut.

5 Here learne the waie,  
 hop roots to laie.

6 Kots best to proue,  
 thus set I loue.

7 Leane space and rom,  
 to hillock to come.

8 Of hedge and willow.  
 hop makes his pillow.  
 God bearing hop,  
 climbs vp to the top.

Kepe

- Kepe hop from sun,  
 and hop is vndun.  
 9 Hop toles procure,  
 that may indure.  
 From crow like a stake,  
 depe hole to make.  
 A scraper to pare,  
 the earth about bare.  
 A hone to raise root,  
 like sole of a boot.  
 Sharp knife to cut,  
 superfluous gut.  
 10 Who grafting loues,  
 now grafting proues.  
 Of enerie suit,  
 graffe daintie fruit.  
 Graffe god fruit all,  
 or graffe not at all.  
 11 Graffe some may be lost,  
 both grafting and cost.  
 Learne here take heed,  
 what counsell doth breed.  
 12 Sow barlie that can,  
 to some ye shall ban.  
 Let horse kepe his owne,  
 till barlie be sowne.  
 Sow euen thy land,  
 with plentiful hand.  
 Sow ouer and vnder,  
 in clay is no wonder.  
 13 By sowing in wet,  
 is little to get.  
 14 Straight follow the plow.  
 and harrow inow.  
 With sing go thow,  
 go scare away crow.  
 15 Kowle after a deaw,  
 when barlie doth shew.  
 Poze handsome to make it,

- to mow and to rake it.  
 16 Learne heere you may,  
 best harrowing waie.  
 17 Sow rowle thy wheat,  
 where clots be to great.  
 18 Make readie a plot,  
 for seeds for the pot.  
 19 Best searching minds,  
 the best waie finds.  
 20 For garden best,  
 is south south west.  
 21 Good tilth brings seeds,  
 euil tulture weeds.  
 22 For summer sow now,  
 for winter see how.  
 23 Learne time to know,  
 to set or sow.  
 24 Pong plants some die,  
 that growes too drie.  
 25 In countrie doth rest,  
 what season is best.  
 26 Good peason and lakes.  
 make pottage for crakes.  
 27 Haue spownemeat inough,  
 for cart and the plough.  
 God poze mans fare,  
 is poze mans care.  
 And not to boast,  
 of sod and roast.  
 28 Cause roke and rauen,  
 to sake a new hauen.  
 Thus endeth Marches abstract, a:  
 grecing with Marches husbandle.

Other short remembrances.  
 Geld lambs now all,  
 straight as they fall.  
 Loke twise a daie,  
 least lambs decaye.

Where horse did harrow,  
 put stones in barrow.  
 And laie them bie,  
 in heapes on hie.  
 Let Dre once fat,  
 lose nothing of that.  
 Polo hunt with thy dog.  
 unpoked hog.  
 With dones good luck,  
 reare gosse and duck.  
 To spare aright,  
 spare March his flight.

Seeds and hearbs for the  
 Kitchen.

**A**lens.  
 Betonie.  
 Blakes oz Bates, white oz  
 yellow.  
 Bloodwort.  
 Buglos.  
 Burnet.  
 Burrage.  
 Cabage remous in June.  
 Clarie.  
 Coleworts.  
 Cresses.  
 Endiue.  
 Fennell.  
 French malots.  
 French saffron sette in Au-  
 gust.  
 Langdebete.  
 Lakes remoue in June.  
 Lettis remoue in May.  
 Longwort.  
 Luertwort.  
 Parigolds often cut.

Mercurie.  
 Mints at all times.  
 Pep.  
 Onions from December to  
 March.  
 Orach oz arach, red and  
 white.  
 Patience.  
 Parcelie.  
 Penysall.  
 Primrose.  
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 Rosemarie in the spring  
 time to grow, south oz  
 west.  
 Sage red and white.  
 English saffron set in Au-  
 gust.  
 Summer sauoye.  
 Sorrell.  
 Spinage.  
 Suckerie.  
 Stethes.  
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 Time.  
 Violets of all sorts.  
 Winter sauoye.

Hearbs and roots for sallets  
 and sauce.

Alexanders at all times.  
 Artichokes.  
 Blessed thistle, oz Cardus  
 benedictus.  
 Cucumbers in Aprill & May.  
 Cressus, sow with lettis in  
 the spring.  
 Endiue.

Muskard



Mustard sēde, sow in the  
spring and at Michaelmas.  
Must million, in Aprill and  
May.

Spints.

Purflaine.

11 Radish, after remoue them.

12 Rampions.

13 Roket in Aprill.

14 Sage.

15 Dozell.

16 Spinage for the summer

17 Sea hollie.

18 Sparage, let grow two  
yeres, and then remoue.

19 Skirets, set these plants in  
March.

20 Sucherie.

21 Taragon, set in stippes in  
March.

22 Violets of all colours.

These buse with the pee.  
O: looke not for any.

1 Capers.

2 Lemmans.

3 Olives.

4 Oranges.

5 Risse.

6 Sampire.

Herbs and roots, to boile  
or to butter.

1 Beanes set in winter.

2 Cabbages, sow in March  
and after remoue.

3 Carets.

4 Citrons, sow in Maie.

5 Gourds in Maie.

6 Hauelus sow in June.

7 Pompons in Maie.

8 Persneps in winter.

9 Runcial pease set in winter,

10 Rapes sow in June.

11 Turneps in March & Aprill.

Strowing hearbs of  
all sorts.

1 Basill fine and bushy, sow in  
Maie.

2 Baulme in March.

3 Camomill.

4 Costmarie.

5 Cowslips and pagles.

6 Daisies of all sorts.

7 Sweet fenell.

8 Germander.

9 Flop set in February.

10 Lauender.

11 Lauender spike.

12 Lauender cottan.

13 Martozum knotted, sow as  
set at the spring.

14 Maudeline.

15 Penieriall.

16 Roses of all sorts in Janua-  
rie and September.

17 Red mints.

18 Sage.

19 Tanfie.

20 Violets.

21 Winter sauozie.

Herbs, branches and flowers  
for windowes  
and pots.

1 Baies sow as set in plants  
in Januarie.

2 Batchelers buttons.

3 Bottle

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| 3 Boffles, blew, red, & tawnie.   | Stocke Gilleflowers of all       |
| 4 Columbines.                     | soyts.                           |
| 5 Campions.                       | Tuft gilleflowers.               |
| 6 Cowslips.                       | Nelnet flowers, o2 French Pa-    |
| 7 Daffadownillies.                | rigolds.                         |
| 8 Eglantine o2 sweet byer.        | Violets yellow and white.        |
| 9 Fetherfew.                      | Wall Gilleflowers of all soyts.  |
| Flower amour sow in May.          |                                  |
| Flower de luce.                   | Hearbs to still in summer.       |
| Flower gentle white and red.      |                                  |
| Flower nice.                      | Blessed thistle.                 |
| Gilleflowers red, white, & carna- | Betonie.                         |
| tion set in the spring, and at    | Dill.                            |
| the harvest in pots, pailles, o2  | Endive.                          |
| tubs, o2 for summer in beds.      | Cie bright.                      |
| Hollihockes white, red, and car-  | Fennell.                         |
| nation.                           | Fumetozie.                       |
| Indian ele, sow in May, o2 set    | Flop.                            |
| in slips in March.                | Pints.                           |
| Lauender of all soyts.            | Plantine.                        |
| Larks foot.                       | Roses red and damaske.           |
| Lans tibi.                        | Respies.                         |
| Littum conuallium.                | Saristrage.                      |
| Lillies red and white, sow o2 set | Strawberies.                     |
| in March and September.           | Soyrell.                         |
| Marigold double.                  | Suckerie.                        |
| Figella Romana.                   | Wood:osse for sweet waters and   |
| Paonies o2 hartsease.             | cakes.                           |
| Pagles greene and yellow.         |                                  |
| Pinks of all soyts.               | Necessarie hearbs to grow in the |
| Quenes gilleflowers.              | garden for Phisick not re-       |
| Rosmarie.                         | hearded before.                  |
| Roses of all soyts.               | Annis.                           |
| Snag dragons.                     | Archangel.                       |
| Sops of wine.                     | Betonie.                         |
| Sweet williams.                   | Charnile.                        |
| Sweet Johns.                      | Cinguile.                        |
| Star of Bethelcm.                 | Cummin.                          |
| Star of Jerusalem.                | Dragons.                         |

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Marches husbandry.

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| 8 Dittaine oz garden ginger. | 20 Smalach for swelling.     |
| 9 Gomell seed for the stone. | 21 Sarisfrage for the stone. |
| 10 Hartstrong.               | 22 Hauine for the bots.      |
| 11 Horehound.                | 23 Switchwort.               |
| 12 Louage for the stone.     | 24 Valerian.                 |
| 13 Licozas.                  | 25 Wodbin.                   |
| 14 Pandzake.                 |                              |
| 15 Pugwort.                  | Thus ends in breefe,         |
| 16 Ponies.                   | Of heards the cheefe.        |
| 17 Popple.                   | To get more skill,           |
| 18 Rew.                      | Read whom yee will,          |
| 19 Rubarb.                   | Such mo to haue,             |
|                              | Of field goe craue.          |

Marches husbandry.

Chap 36.

March dust to be sold.  
Worth ransome of gold.

Forgotten month past,  
Doe now at the last.

**V**White peason, both good for the pot and the purse,  
by sowing too timely, proue often the wurse:

Because they be tender, and hateth the cold,  
proue March yer ye sow them, for being too bold,

2 Spare meadow at Gregory, marishes at Paske,  
for feare of dry summer, no longer time aske:

Then hedge them and ditch them, bestow theron pence  
corne, meadow and pasture, aske alway good fence,

3 Of mastiues and mungrels, that many we see,  
a number of thousands, too many there bee:

Watch therefore in Lent, to thy sheepe goe looke,  
for dogs will haue vittels, by hooke and by crooke,

4 In March at the furthest, drie season oz wet,  
hop roots so well chosen, let skilful go set:

The goeler and yonger, the better I loue,  
well gutted and pared, the better they proue.

5 Some laieth them crossewise along in the ground,  
as high as the knee, they doe couer by round:

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sheep  
biters.  
Setting  
of hogs,

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Some picke bp a sticke, in the midgs of the same,  
that little round hillocke, the better to frame.

6 Some maketh a hallownes halfe a foot deepe,  
with foure lets in it, set slantwise a steepe:

One foot from another, in order to ke,  
and ther on a hillock as round as a pie.

7 Fiue foot from another, ech hillock would stand,  
as straight as a leuelled line with the hand:

Let euerie hillocke, be foure foot wide,  
the better to come to, one euerie side.

8 By willowes that groweth, thy hopyard without,  
and also by hedges, thy meadowes about:

Good hop hath pleasure, to clime and to spread,  
if summe may haue passage, to comfort her head.

**Hop tools** 9 Get crow made of iron, deepe hole for to make,  
with crosse ouerthwart it, as sharpe as a stake:

A hone and a parer, like sole of a boot,  
to pare a way grasse, and to raise bp the root.

**Grassing.** 10 In March is good grassing, the skilfull doe knowe,  
so long as the wind, in the East doe not blow:

From Moone being changed, till past bee the prime,  
for grassing and cropping, is very good time.

11 Things grassed or planted, the greatest and least,  
defend against tempest, the bird and the beast:

Defended shall prosper, the tother is lost,  
the thing with the labour, the time and the cost.

12 Sow Barly in March, in Aprill, and May,  
the later in sand, and the sooner in clay:

What wooser for barly, then wetnesse and cold?  
what better to skilfull, than time to be bold?

13 Who soweth his barly, too soone or in raine,  
of otes and of thistles, shall after complaine:

I speake not of May weed, cockle and such,  
that noyeth the barly, so often and much.

- 14 Let barlie be harrowed, finely as dust,  
then workmanly trench it, and fence it ye must.  
This season well plied, set sowing an end,  
and praise and pray God, a good harvest to send.
- 15 Some rowleth their barlie, strait after a raine,  
when first it appeareth, to leuell it plaine :  
The barly so bled, the better doth grow,  
and handsome ye make it, at harvest to mow.
- 16 Otes barly and pease, harrow after yee sow,  
for rie harrow first, as alreadie ye know :  
Leane wheat little clod, for to couer the head,  
that after a frost, it may out and goe spread.
- 17 If clod in the wheat, will not breake with the frost,  
if now ye do roule it, it quiteth the cost :  
But see when ye roule it, the weather bee drie,  
or else it were better, vnrrouled to lie.
- 18 In March and in April, from morning to night,  
in sowing and setting, good huswives Delight :  
To haue in a garden, or other like plot,  
to trim by their house, and to furnish their pot.
- 19 The nature of flowers, dame Phisicke doth shew,  
she teacheth them all, to be knowne to a few :  
To set or to sow, or else sowne to remoue,  
how that should be practised, learne if ye loue.
- 20 Land falling or lying, ful south or south west,  
for profit by tillage, is lightly the best :  
So garden with Orchard, and hopyard I find,  
that want the like benefit, grow out of kind.
- 21 If field to beare corne, a good tillage doth craue,  
what thinke ye of garden, what garden would haue :  
In field without cost, be assured of weedes,  
in garden be sure, thou loolest thy seedes.
- 22 At spring for the summer, sow garden ye shall,  
at harvest for winter, or sow not at all :

Sowing  
of Barly.

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Gardening

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Of digging, remouing, and weeding yee see,  
makes hearbe the moze holosome, and greater to be.

23 Time faire to sow, or to gather be bold,  
but let or remoue, when the whether is cold:

Cut all thing or gather, the moone in the wane,  
but sow in increasing, or giue it his bane.

24 Now lets do aske watering, with pot or with dish,  
new sowne doe not so, if yee doe as I wish:

Through cunning with dibble, rake, mattocke and spad/  
by line and by leauel, trim garden is made.

25 Who soweth too lateward, haue sildome good seed,  
who soweth to soone, little better shall speed:

At time and the season, so diuers to hit,  
let aier and later, helpe practise and wit.

26 Now leekes are in season, for pottage full good,  
and spareth the milchow, and purgeth the blood:

These hauing with peason, for pottage in Lent,  
thou sparest both ot mell, and bread to be spent.

27 Though neuer so much, a good huswife doth care,  
that such as doe labour, haue hus bandly fare:

Yet feed them and cram them, till purse doe lack chinke,  
no spoone meat, no belly full labourers thinke.

28 Kill crow, pie and cadow, rooke, buzzard and rauen,  
or else goe desire them, to seeke a new hauen:

In scaling the yongest, to plucke off his becke,  
beware how ye climber, for breaking your necke.

Thus endeth Marches hus bandrye.

Aprils Abstract. Chap. 37.

1 Some champions lay,  
sto fallow in Maie.

2 When tilth plowes breake,  
poore cattell cries creake.

3 One day per ye plow,  
spread compas inow.

4 Some fodder buieth,

in fen where it lieth.

5 Thou champion wight,  
haue cotomeat for night.

6 Set hop his pole,  
make deepe his hole.

7 First barke go sell,  
per timber ys sell.

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| 8 Fense copie in,<br>per helvers begin.                      | 16 Get swineheard for hog,<br>but kill not with dog.    |
| 9 The straightest ye know,<br>for saddles let grow.          | Where swineheard doth lack,<br>come goeth to wrack.     |
| 10 Crabtree preserve,<br>for plough to serue.                | 17 All goes to the diuell,<br>where shepheard is euill. |
| 11 Get timber out,<br>per yeere goe about.                   | 18 Come home from land,<br>with stone in hand.          |
| 12 Some country lack plowmeat<br>and some do lacke colwmeat. | 19 Han colw prouides,<br>Wife dairie guides.            |
| 13 Small commons and bare,<br>yelds cattell ill fare.        | 20 Slut Cissep bntaught,<br>hath whitmeat naught.       |
| 14 Some common with geese,<br>and sheepe without fleese.     | 21 Some bringeth in gaines,<br>some lose beside paines. |
| Some titts thither bring,<br>and hogs without ring.          | 22 Run Cisse fault known,<br>with more than thine owne. |
| 15 Some champions agree,<br>as waspe doth with bee.          | Such mistris, such Han,<br>such master such man.        |

Thus endeth Aprils Abstract, agreeing with Aprils husbandry.

Aprils husbandry. Chap 38.

Sweet Aprill helvers,  
Do spring: Hay flowers.

Forgotten month past,  
Doe now at the last.

**I**n Cambridgeshire forward, to Lincolnshire way,  
the champion maketh his fallow in Maye:  
Then thinking so doing, one tillage worth twaine,  
by forcing of weed by that meanes to refraine.  
2 If Aprill bee dripping, then doe I not hate,  
for him that hath little, his fallowing late:  
Else otherwise fallowing, timely is best,  
for sauing of cattell, of plough and the rest.  
3 Be sure of plough to be readie at hand,  
per compasse ye spread, that on hillocks did stand:  
Least drying so lying, doe make it decay,  
per ouermuch water do wash it away.  
4 Looke now to prouide ye, of medow for hay,  
if fens be vnderdowned, there cheapest ye may:

In fen for the bullocke, for horse not so well,  
count best the best cheape, where soeuer ye dwell.  
3 Prouide ye of corneat, for cattell at night,  
And chiefly where commons lie far out of sight:  
Where cattell be tied, without any meat,  
that profit by daire, can neuer be great.

Put poles  
to your  
hops.

6 Get into thy hopyard, with plentie of poles,  
amongst the same hillocks, diuide them by doles:

Three poles to a hillock (I passe not how long)  
shall yeeld thee moze profit, set deeply and strong.

7 Sell barke to the tanner, yer timber ye sel,  
cut low by the ground, or else do ye not wel,  
In breaking saue crooked, for mill and for ships,  
and euer in hewing, saue carpenters chips.

8 First see it well fenced, yer hewers begin,  
then see it wel stabled, without and within:

Thus being preserved, and hus bandly done,  
shall sooner raise profit, to thee or thy sonne.

Stabling  
of woodys.

9 Leauē growing for saddles, the likest and best,  
though seller and buyer, dispatched the rest:

In bulbes, in hedgerow, in groue and in wood,  
this lesson obserued, is needfull and good.

10 Saue elme, ash and crabtree, for cart and for plough  
saue slep for a stile, of the crotch of the bough:

Saue hazel for forks, saue fallow for rake,  
saue huluer and thorne, thereof staile for to make.

11 Make riddance of carriage, yer yeere goe about,  
for spoiling of plant, that is newly come out:

To carter with oren, this message I bring,  
leauē not ore abroad, for annoying the spring.

12 Allowance of fodder, some countries doe yeeld,  
as good for the cattell as haie in the field:

Some mowe by their hedlonds, and plots among corn  
and dyuen to leauē nothing, burnton or vnsborn.

- 13 Some commons are barren, the nature is such,  
and some ouerlaieth the commons too much:  
The pestred commons, smal profit doth giue,  
and profit is little, some reape I beleue.
- 14 Some pester the commons, with iades & with geese,  
with hog without ring, & with sheepe without fleese:  
Some lose a daies labour, with seeking their own,  
some meet with a bootie, they would not haue knoton.
- 15 Great troubles and losses, the champion sees,  
and euer in bzauling, as wasps amongst Bees:  
As Charity that way, appeareth but small,  
so lesse be their winnings, or nothing at all.
- 16 Where champion wanteth, a swineheard for hog,  
there many complaineth, of naughtie mangs dog:  
Where each his owne keeper, appoints without care,  
there corne is destroyed, yer men be aware.
- 17 The land is wel harted, with help of the fold,  
for one or two corps, if so long it will hold:  
If shepheard would keepe them, from stroying of corne  
the walke of his sheepe might the better be bozne.
- 18 Where stones be too many, annoyng thy land,  
make seruant come home, with a stone in his hand:  
By daily so doing, haue plentie ye shall,  
both handsome for pauiing, and good for a wall.
- 19 From April beginning, til Andreto be past,  
so long with good hus wife, her daury doth last:  
Good milchcow and pasture, good hus bands prouide,  
the residue good hus wiues, know best how to guide.
- 20 All hus wife unskillful, to make her owne cheese,  
througħ trusting of others, hath this for fees:  
Her milkpan and creampot, so slabberd and soft,  
that butter is wanting, and cheese is halfe lost.
- 21 Where some of a cow, do raise yeerely a pound,  
with such silly hus wiues, no penny is found:

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Dairie  
matters.

**Then** dairy maid Cisseley, her fault being known,  
 apace away trudgeth, with moze than her own,  
 22 **Then** neighbor for Gods sake, if any you see,  
 good seruant for dairy house, waine her to me:  
 Such maister such man, such mistrisse such maid,  
 such husband and huswife, such houses araid.

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 All hus-  
 wifes say-  
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A lesson for dairy mayd Cisseley of ten  
 topping ghefts.

**A**s wife that will, **So** Cisse that serues,  
 good husband please, must marke this note:  
 Must shun with skil, what fault deserues,  
 such ghefts as these, a byulbed cote.

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 Ten tops  
 pig ghefts  
 valent for.

Gehezie, Lots wife, and Argus his eies.  
 Tom piper, poze Cobler, and Lazarus thies.  
 Rough Esau, with Paulin, and gentills that scral,  
 with bushop that burneth. Thus know ye them all.

These toppingly ghefts, be in number but ten.  
 As welcome in dairie, as beares among men:  
 Which being described, take heede of ye shall,  
 For danger of afterclaps, after that fall.

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 drie.  
 To salt.

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 sties.

Houen

Tough.

Full of  
 spots.

Full of  
 hairs.

- 1 Gehezie his sicknesse, was whitish and drie,  
 such cheeses good Cisseley, ye stoted to nie:
- 2 Leauw Lot with her piller, good Cisseley alone,  
 much saltnesse in whitemeat, is ill for the stone.
- 3 If cheeses in dairy, haue Argus his eies,  
 tell Cisseley the fault in her huswifery lies.
- 4 Tom piper hath houen, and puffed vp cheekes:  
 if cheese be so houen, make Cisse to seeke creeks,
- 5 Poze cobbler he tuggeth, his leatherly trash:  
 if cheese abide tugging, tug Cisseley a crash.
- 6 If Lazer so lothsome, in cheese be espide,  
 let baies amend Cisseley or shift her aside.
- 7 Rough Esau was hairie, from top to the fut,  
 if cheese so appeareth, call Cisseley a slut.



Mayes Abstract.

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Ful of  
whey.

Ful of  
Gentils.  
Burnt to  
the pan.

- 8 As Maundlin wept, so would Cisse be drest,  
for whey in her cheeses, not halfe inough prest,  
9 If gentiles be scrawling, call maggot the pie,  
if cheeses haue Gentils, at Cisse by and by.  
10 Blesse Cisse (good mistris) that busshop doth ban,  
for burning the milke of her cheese to the pan.

If thou (so oft beaten)  
amendest by this :

I will no more threaten,  
I promise thee Cis.

Thus dairy maide Cisse, rehearsed ye see,  
what faults with good huswife, in dairy house be,  
Of market abhored, to household a grieve,  
to maister and mistresse, as ill as a theefe.

Thus endeth Spillo husbandry.

¶ Mayes Abstract. Chap. 52.

- P**ut lambe fro ewe,  
to milke a few.  
2 Be not too bold,  
to milke and to sold.  
3 Fine ewes allow,  
to euerie cotw.  
4 Sheepe wiggling faile,  
hath mads without faile.  
5 Beat hard in the red,  
where house hath need.  
6 Leau cropping from Paie,  
to Michelmas daie.  
Let Iuie be killed,  
else trex will be spilled.  
7 Now thersers warne,  
to rid the barne.  
8 Be sure of haie,  
till the end of Paie.  
9 Let sheepe still flanke,  
where cozne is too ranke.  
In woodland leuer,  
in champion neuer.  
10 To wadding awaie,  
as soone as ye may.
- 11 For cozne here read,  
what naughty wad.  
12 Who wadding slacketh,  
god husbandrie lacketh.  
13 Sow buck or byanke,  
that smels so ranke.  
14 By byanke goe and sow,  
where barlie did grow.  
The next crop wheat,  
is husbandrie neat.  
15 Sow pescods some,  
for harness to come,  
16 Sane hemp and flax,  
that spinning lacks,  
17 Teach hop to clime,  
for now it is time.  
18 Through foules and wades,  
pore hops ill spreds.  
Cut off or crop,  
superfluous hop.  
The titters or tine,  
makes hop to pine.  
19 Some raketh their wheate,  
with rake that is great.

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So titters and fine,  
be gotten out fine.

20 Now lets doe craue,  
some weeding to haue.

21 Now draine as ye like,  
both fen and dike.

22 Watch Bees in Maie,  
for warming alway.  
Both now and in Iune,  
marke maister Bees tune.

23 Twisallow thy land,  
least plough still stand.

24 No longer tarry,  
out compasse carrie.

25 Where need doth pray it,  
there see ye lay it.

26 Set Jacke and Jone,  
to gather by stone.

27 To grasse with thy calues,  
take nothing to halues.

28 Be sure thy neat,  
haue water and meat.

29 By tainting of ground,  
destruction is found.

30 Now carriage to get,  
home fetwell to set.

Helens  
day, Jus  
gust.

tell sagot and billet,  
for filching gillet.

31 In summer for firing,  
let citie be buying.

Marke colliers packing,  
least coles be lacking.

See opened sacke,  
for two in a packe.

32 Let nodding patch,  
goe sleepe a snatch.

33 Wise as you will,  
now plie you still.

34 Fine Basill sow,  
in a pot to grow.

Fine seedes sow now,  
before ye saw how.

35 Kepe Ore from colw,  
for causes enow.

Thus endeth Maies abstract, agree-  
ing with Maies husbandrie.

Other short remembrances.

From bull colw fast,  
till Crotochmas be past,  
From heifer bul hid the,  
till Lammass bid the.

Here endeth Maies short remembrances.

### Mayes husbandry.

#### Chap. 40.

Cold May and windy,  
warne filleth by finely.

Forgotten month past,  
Doe now at the last.

**A**T Philip and Jacob, alway with thy lambs,  
that thinkest to haue any milke of their dams:  
At Lammass leaue milking, for feare of a thing,  
least Requiem eternam in winter they sing.

- 2 To milke and to fold them, is much to require,  
except ye haue pasture to fill their desire:  
Yet many by milking, such heed they do take,  
not hurting their bodie, much profit doe make.
- 3 Fiue ewes to a cow, make prooffe by a scoze.  
shal double thy daity, else trust me no moze.  
Yet may a good hūdwife, that knoweth the skil,  
haue mixt and vnmixt at their pleasure and wil.
- 4 If sheepe oz thy lambe, fal a wīgling with taile,  
go by and by seatch it, whiles helpe may preuaile:  
That barberlie handled I dare thee assure,  
cast dust in her arse, thou hast finisht the cure.
- 5 Where houses be reeded (as houses haue need)  
now pare off the mosse, and go beat in the reed:  
The iuster ye d̄iue it, the smooother and plaine,  
moze handsome ye make it, to shut off the raine.
- 6 From May til October, leaue cropping for why?  
in woodserre, whatsoeuer thou croppest shal die:  
Where Iuie imbraceth the tree berie soze,  
kil Iuie, else tree will addle no moze.
- 7 Keepe thresling for thresher, til May be come in,  
to haue to be sure, fresh chaffe in the bin:  
And somewhat to scamble, for hog and for hen,  
and worke when it raineth, for loitering men.
- 8 Be sure of haie, and of prouender some,  
for labouring cattel, till pasture be come:  
And if ye do mund, to haue nothing to serue.  
haue one thing oz other, for all things to serue.
- 9 Ground compassed wel a following yeare,  
if wheat oz thy barley, too ranke do appeare:  
Now eat it with sheepe, oz else now it you may,  
for ledging, and so, to the birds for a pray.
- 10 In May get a weedhooke, a crotch and a gloue,  
and weed out such weedes, as the corne doth not loue:

Count  
flore no  
soze

<sup>¶</sup> *weeding.* For weeding of wintercorne, now is the best,  
but June is the better, for weeding the rest.

11 The Maie weed doth burne, & the thistle doth freat,  
the fitches pul downware, both rie and the wheat:

The brake and the cockle, be noisome too much,  
yet like unto boddle, no weed there such.

12 Slack neuer thy weeding, for dearth nor for cheape,  
the corn shall reward it, yer euer ye reape:

And specially where, ye do trust for to seed,  
let that be wel vsed the better to speed.

13 In May is good sowing thy bucke or thy branke,  
that black is as peper, and sinelleth so rank,

It is to thy land, as a comfort or muck,  
and al things it maketh, as fat as a buck.

14 Sow buck after barlie, or after thy wheat,  
a pecke to a rood, if the measure be great:

Three earths see ye giue it, and sow it aboue,  
and harrow it finely, if buck ye do loue.

15 Who pescods would gather, to haue with the last,  
to serue for his household, til haruest be past:

Must sow them in Maie, in a corner ye shal,  
where throughe so late growing no hindrance may fal.

16 Good flax and good hemp, for to haue of her own,  
in Maie a good huswife, wil see it be sowne,

<sup>¶</sup> *Sowing of flax and hemp.* And afterward trim it, to serue at a need,  
the simble to spin, and the carle for her seed.

17 Set into thy hopyard, for now it is time,  
to teach Robin hop, on his pole how to cline:

To follow the sunne, as his property is,  
and weed him and trim him, if ought go amis.

18 Grassie, thistle, and mustard seed, hemlock and bur,  
tine, mallow and nettle, that keepe such a stir:

With peacock and turkie, that nibbles off top,  
are very ill neighbors, to seely pooze hop.

- 19 From wheat go and rake out, the titters of tine,  
if eare be not forth, it wil rise againe fine:  
Use now in thy rie, little raking of none,  
bryake tine from his root and so let it alone.
- 20 Banks newly quicksetted, some weeding do craue,  
the kinder nourishment, thereby for to haue:  
Then after a shewer, to weeding a snatch,  
more easily weed, with the roote to dispatch.
- 21 The fen and the quaire, so marish by kind,  
and are to be grained now win to thy mind:  
Which yeerely bndrained, and suffer vncut,  
annoiethe the medowes that thereon do but.
- 22 Take heed to thy bees, that are readie to swarme,  
the losse therof now, is a crowns worth of harme:  
Let skilfull be ready, and diligence seene,  
least being too carlesse, thou loost thy beene.
- 23 In Maye at the furthest, twifallow thy land,  
much drount may else after, cause plough for to stand:  
This tilth being done, ye haue passed the worst,  
then after who plougheth, plow thou with the first.
- 24 Twifallow once ended, get tumbrel and man,  
and compas that fallow, as soone as ye can:  
Let skilful bestow it, where need is vpon,  
more profit the sooner, to follow thereon.
- 25 Hide h:dlonds with muck, if ye will to the knees,  
so dripped and shadowed, with busbes and trees:  
Bare plots ful of galles, if ye plow ouerthwart,  
and compas it then, is a husbandly part.
- 26 Let children be hired to lay to their bones,  
from fallow as needeth, to gather vp stones:  
What wisdom for profit, aduiseeth vnto,  
that husband and hufwife, must willingly do.
- 27 To grasse with thy calues, in some medow plot neere,  
where neither their mothers, may see them nor heere:

weeding  
of quickset

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Let not  
cattell want  
water.

Where water is plenty, and barth to sit warme,  
and looke well vnto them, for taking of harme,

28 Pinch neuer thy wewells, of water or meat,  
if euer yee hope, for to haue good neat :

In summer time daily, in winter in frost,  
if cattell lacke drinke, they be vtterly lost.

29 For coueting much, ouerlaie not thy ground,  
and then shall thy cattell, be lusty and sound :  
But pinch them of pasture, while summer doth last,  
and list at their tailes, yea a winter bee past.

30 Get home with thy serwell, made ready to fet,  
the sooner the easier, carriage to get :

Or otherwise linger, the carriage thereon,  
til (whereas ye left it) a quarter be gon.

Husban-  
drie for  
citizens.

31 His siring in summer, let citizen buie,  
least buying in winter, make purse for to crie :

For carman and collier, harps both on a string,  
in winter they cast, to be with thee to bring.

32 From May to mid August, an houre or two,  
let patch sleepe a snatch, howsoeuer ye doe :

Though sleeping on houre, refresbeth his song,  
yet trust not Hob grouthed, for sleeping too long.

33 The knowledge of stiling, is one pretty feat,  
the waters be holtsome, the charges not great :  
What timely thou gettest, while summer doth last,  
thinke winter will help thee, to spend it as fast.

34 Fine basil desireth, it may be her lot,  
to grow as a gilliflower, trim in a pot :

That Ladies and gentils, for whom ye do serue,  
may helpe her as needeth, poore life to preserue.

35 Keepe ore from thy cow, that to profit would go,  
least cow be deceiued, by Ore doing so :

And thou recompensed, for suffering the same,  
with want of a calfe, and cow to wax lame.

Thus endeth Mayes husbandry.

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## Chap. 41.

- VV**Alth shepe for to share, 14 Thy barnes repaire,  
as shepe may go bare. make stozz faire.  
2 Though flæce ye take, 15 Such shjubs as noy,  
no patches make. in summer deströy.  
3 Share lambs no whit, 16 Diving brembles & bzakes,  
oz share not yet. get forks and rakes.  
4 If medow be growen, 17 Spare hedlonds some,  
let medow be motow. till haruest come.  
5 Plow earelie ye may, 18 Cast ditch and pond,  
and then carrie haie. to lay vpon lond.

## A lesson of Hopyard.

- Who goeth a bozrolwing, 19 Where hops will grow,  
goeth a sorrolwing. here learne to know.  
7 See cart in plight, Hops many will come,  
and all things right. in a rood of röme.  
8 Make drie ouer head, 20 Hops hate the land,  
both houel and shed. with grauell and sand.  
9 Of houell make stack, 21 The rotten mould,  
for pease on his back. for hop is worth gold.  
10 In champion some, 22 The sun southwest,  
wants elbow röme. for hopyard is best.  
11 Let wheate and rie, 23 Hop plot once found,  
in house lie drie. now dig the ground.  
12 Buie turke and sedge, 24 Hops fauozeth malt,  
oz else breake hedge. hops thrist doth crale.  
13 God stozehouse needfull, Of hops moze reed,  
well ordered spædfull. as time shall neede.

Thus endeth Iunes Abstract, agreeing with Iunes husbandry.

## Iunes husbandry.

## Chap. 42.

Calm weather in Iune.  
Come lets in tunc.

For gotten month past,  
Doe now at the last.

**VV**Alth sheepe for the better, where water doth run,  
and let him go clenly, and drie in the sunne :  
Then

Then spare him and spare not, at two daies an end,  
the sooner the better his corpes will amend.

2 Reward not thy sheepe, when ye take off his cote,  
with twitches and patches, as broad as a groat :

Let not such vngentlenesse, happen to thine,  
least she with her gentils, do make it to pine.

3 Let lambs go vnclipped, till Iune be halfe woene,  
the better the fleeces, wil grow to be shoene :

The Pie wil discharge thee, of pulling the rest,  
the lighter the sheepe is, then feedeth it best.

4 If madow be forwarde, be mowing of some,  
but mow as the makers may well overcome :

Take heed to the weather, the wind and the skie,  
if danger approacheth, then cocke a pace cry.

5 Plough early till ten a clocke, then to thy hay,  
in plowing and carting so profit ye may :

By little and little, thus doing ye win,  
that plough shal not hinder, when haruest comes in.

6 Prouide of thine own, to haue al things at hand,  
least worke and the workeman, vnoccupied stand :

None seldome to borrow, that thinkest to saue,  
for he that once lendeth, twise looketh to haue.

7 Let cart be well searched, without and within,  
well clovoted and greased, yer hay time begin :

Thy hay being caried, though catter had swoone:  
carts border wel boorded, is sauing of cozne.

8 Good huswines that lay, to saue al things byright,  
for tumbzels and cart, haue a shed ready dight :

Where vnder the hog, may in winter lie warme,  
to stand so inclosed, and wind doe no harme.

9 So likewise a houel, will serue for a roome,  
to sticke on the pease, when haruest shall come :

And serue thee in winter, mozeouer than that,  
to shut vp thy porckings, thou meanest to fat.

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10 Some barneroome haue little, and yardroome as much  
pet corne in the field, appertaineth to such:

Then houels and rikes, they are forced to make,  
abroad or at home, for necessities sake.

11 Make sure of breadcorne, of all other graine,  
lie drie and wel looked too, for mouse and for raine:

Though fitches and pease, and such other as they,  
for pestering too much, on a houel ye lay.

12 With whins or with furzes, they houel renew,  
for turke and for sedge, for to bake and to brew:

For charcole and seacole, as also for thacke,  
for tall wood and billit, as yeerely ye lacke.

13 What husbandlely husbands except they be fooles,  
but handsome haue storehouse, for trinkets & tooles:

And all in good order, fast locked to lie,  
what euer is needfull, to find by and by

14 Thy houses and barnes, would be looked vpon,  
and al things amended, yer harvest come on:

Things thus set in order, in quiet and rest,  
shall further thy harvest, and pleasure thee best.

15 The bushes and thzone, with the shrubs that do noy,  
in woodfere or summer, cut down to destroy,

But where as decay, to the tree yee will none,  
for danger in woodfere, let hacking alone,

16 At midsummer down with the brembles and brakes  
and after abroad, with thy forks and thy rakes:

Set mowers a mowing, where medow is grown,  
the longer now standing the worse to be mowen.

17 Mow down with the grasse, vpon hedlonds about,  
that groweth in shadow so ranke and so stout:

But grasse vpon hedlond, of barley and pease,  
when harvest is ended, go mow if ye please.

18 Such muddy deepe ditches, and pits in the field,  
that all a drie summer, no water will yeeld:

The hus-  
bandlie  
storehouse

By sowing and casting, that mud upon heapes,  
commodities many the husbandman reapes.

A lesson where and when to Plant  
*good Hopyard.*

- 19 Whom fantasie perswadeth, among other crops,  
to haue for his spending, sufficient of hops :  
Must willingly follow, of choises to choose,  
*Naught* such lessons approoued, as skilful doe vse.  
*for hops.* 20 Ground grauelly, sandy, and mixed with claie,  
is naughty for hops, any manner of maie :  
Or if it be mingled with rubbish and stone,  
for dyneresse and barrennesse let it alone.  
*Good for* 21 Choose soile for the hop of the rottenest mould,  
*hops.* wel doonged and wrought, as a garden plot should:  
Not far from the water (but not ouerflowne,) *The*  
this lesson well noted, is meet to be knowne.  
22 The sun in the south, or else southerly and west,  
is ioy to the hop, as welcommed ghest:  
But wind in the north, or else northerly east,  
to hop is as ill, as a fray in a feast.  
23 Meet plot for a hopyard, once found as is told,  
make thereof account, as of iewel of gold :  
*The* Now dig it and leaue it, the sun for to burne,  
*praise* and afterward fense it, to serue for that turne.  
*of hops.* 24 The hop for his profit, I thus do exalt,  
it strengthneth drinke, and it fauoreth malt :  
And being well brewed long kept it will last,  
and drawing abide, if ye draw not too fast.

Iulies Abstract. Chap. 43.

**G**ods fire and alwaie,  
to feed and make haie,

If stormes draw nie,  
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| 2 Let hay still abide,<br>till well it be dide.<br>Haie made, away carrie,<br>no longer then tarrie.   | ripe beane with a knife.<br>8 Ripe hempe out cull,<br>from carle to pull,<br>let hempe seed grow,<br>till moze yee know. |
| 3 Who best way tietheth,<br>be best way thrietheth,  | 9 Die star get in,<br>for spinners to spin.<br>Now mow or pluck,<br>thy branke or buck.                                  |
| 4 Two good hay makers,<br>worth twentie crakers.   | 10 Some wormes seed saine,<br>for March to haue.   |
| 5 Let dallops about,<br>be mowen and had out.<br>See hay doe looke greene,<br>see field ye rake cleen. | 11 Marke Whiscke true,<br>in wormewood and rue:<br>Get grist to the mill,<br>for wanting at will.                        |
| 6 Thy fallow I pray thee,<br>least thistles betwray thee.  |  |
| 7 Cut off good wise,   |  |

Thus endeth Iulies abstract, agreeing with Iulies husbandrie.

Iulies husbandrie.

Chap. 44.

No tempest good July,  
Least come looke ruly.

Forgotten month past,  
Doe now at the last.

- G** muster thy seruants, be captaine thy selfe,  
prouiding them weapon and other like pelfe:  
Get bottles and wallets, keep field in the heat,  
the feare is as much as the danger is great.  
2 With tossing and raking, and setting in cor,  
grasse lately in swathes, is meat for an Oxe:  
That done goe and cart it, and haue it away,  
the battell is fought, ye haue gotten the day.  
3 Pay iustly thy tithes, whatsoeuer thou be,  
that God may in blessing, send foison to thee:  
Though vicar be bad, or the parson euill,  
goe not for thy tithing thy selfe to the diuell.  
4 Let hay be wel made, or aulse else auous,  
for moulding in mow, or of firing thy house:

Hay bars  
well.

Pay the  
tithes.

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Lay courttest aside, for Ore and the coto,  
the finest for sheepe, and thy gelding alloo,  
5 Then downe with thy hedlonds, that groweth about,  
leau neuer a dallop, bymoton and had out :

Though grasse be but thin, about barly and pease,  
yet picked vp cleane, ye shall finde therein ease.

Thy fallow  
lowing.

6 Thy fallow betime, for destroying of weed,  
least thistle and docke, fall blooming and seed :  
Such season may chance, it shall stand thee vpon,  
to till it againe yer a summer be gon.

Gatherig  
of garden  
Beanes.

7 Not rent off but cut off, ripe beane with a knife,  
for hindering stalke, of her vegetiue life :

So gather the lowest, and leauing the top,  
shall teach thee a trick, for to double thy crop.

8 Wise plucke fro thy seed hemp, the simble hempe cleen  
this looketh moze yelloo, the other moze greene :

Use tone for thy spinning, leau michel the tother,  
for shoe threed and halter, for rope and such other.

9 Now pluck vp thy flaxe, for thy maidens to spin,  
first see it dried, and timely got in :

And mow by thy branke, and away with it drie,  
and house it by close, out of danger to lie.

10 While wormewood hath seed, get a hadfull or twaine  
to saue against March, to make flea to refraine :

Where chambers is sweeped, a wormewood is strown,  
no flea for his life, dare abide to bee known.

11 What sauoz is better, if Physicke be true,  
for places infected, than wormewood and rue :

It is as a comfort for hart and the braine,  
and therefore to haue it, it is not in vaine.

12 Set grist to the mill, to haue plentie in stoze,  
least miller lacke water, as many do moze :

The meale the moze yeeldeth, if seruant be true,  
and miller that tolleth, take none but his due.

Thus endeth Iulies husbandrie.

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**T**hy fallow soon,  
get compasse don.  
2 In June and in Awe,  
firing brakes for a law.  
3 Pare saffron plot,  
forget it not.  
His dwelling made trim,  
looke shortly for him.  
When harvest is gon,  
then saffron comes on.  
4 A little of ground,  
brings saffron a pound:  
The pleasure is fine,  
the profit is thine.  
Kepe colour in dyeng,  
well bled worth buyeng.  
5 Paids mustard seed reape,  
and lay on a heape.  
6 Good neighbour indeed,  
change seed for seed.  
7 Now strike by drum,  
come harvest man come:  
take paine for gaine,  
one knave mars twaine.  
8 Reape corne by the daie,  
least corne do decaie.  
By great is the cheaper,  
if trustie were reaper.  
9 Blow home for reapers,  
and cheare by thy reapers.  
10 Well doing who loveth,  
these harvest points proueth.  
11 Pay Gods part first,  
and not of the tith.  
12 Now parson (I say)  
tith carrieth away.  
13 Kepe cart gap wele,  
scare hog from whele.

14 Now hatme to burne,  
to serue thy turne.  
to bake thy bread,  
to burne vnder lead.  
15 Nowne hatme being dry,  
no longer let lie.  
Get home thy hatme,  
whilst weather is calme.  
16 Nowne barlie lesse cost,  
ill motme much lost.  
17 Reape barlie with sickle,  
that lies in ill pickle.  
Let greene stand,  
for making of band.  
Bands made without dew,  
will hold but a few.  
18 Laie bands to bind her,  
two rakes to a binder.  
19 Rake after tith,  
and pay thy tith.  
Corne carried all,  
then rake it ye shall.  
20 Let shooke take wheat,  
least gose take heat.  
Yet it is best reason,  
to take it in season.  
21 More often ye turne,  
more please ye out spurne.  
yet winnow them in,  
per carriage begin.  
22 Thy carting pie,  
while weather is drie.  
23 Bid going clim,  
gone in and trim.  
Lay wheat for seed,  
to come by at need.  
Seed barlie cast,  
to thresh out last.

- 24 Lay pease vpon flacke,  
if houell ye lacke.  
And couer it straight,  
from doves that waight.
- 25 Let gleaners gleane,  
(the more I meane)  
Which euer ye sow,  
that first eate low.  
The other forbeare,  
for rowen to spare.
- 26 Come home lord singing,  
come home cozne bzinging.  
Tis merry in hall,  
when beards wag all.
- 27 Once had thy desire,  
pay workeman his hier.  
Let none be begilde,  
man, woman or child.
- 28 Thanke God ye shall,  
and adew for all.

Works after haruest.

- 29 Get tumbrel in hand,  
for thy barly land.
- 30 The better the muck,  
the better god lucke.
- 31 Still carriage is god,  
for timber and wode.  
No longer delates,  
to mend the high waies.
- 32 Some lone as a ietwell,  
well placing of fetwell.
- 33 In pilling of logs,  
make houell for hogs.
- 34 Make plow doth rise,  
to picking of rie.
- 35 Such sode as ye sow,  
such reape or else mow.
- 36 Take whipping or ride,  
lent suffice to prouide.
- 37 Let haberdine lie,  
in pease straw drie.
- 38 When out ye ride,  
leau a god guide.
- 39 Some profit spie out,  
by riding about.  
Marke now through yere,  
what cheap, what deare.
- 40 Some skil doth well,  
to buie and to sell.  
Of these who buieth,  
in danger lieth.
- 41 Commoditie knowne,  
abroad is bloune.
- 42 At first hand buie,  
at third let lie.
- 43 Haue money prest,  
to buie at the best.
- 44 Some rattell home bzing,  
for Michaelmas spring.  
By hauke and bound,  
small profit is found.
- 45 Dispatch loke home,  
to loitering mome.  
Prouide or repent,  
milchcow for lent.
- 46 Now crone your shepe,  
fat those ye kepe.  
I caue milking old cow,  
fat aged by now.
- 47 Sell butter and chese.  
god faires few lese,  
At faires goe buie,  
home wants to supplie.
- 48 If hops loke brown,  
go gather them down.  
But now in the dew,  
for piding with few.

- 49 Of hops this knacke,  
a meane doe lack.  
Once had thy will,  
goe couer his hill.  
50 Take hop to thy dole,  
but breake not his pole.  
51 Learne here (thou stranger)  
to frame hop manger.  
52 Hop poles preferue,  
again to serue.  
Hop poles by and by,  
long safe by to die.  
Least poles war scant,  
new poles goe plant.  
53 The hop well dyde,  
will best abide.  
Hops dried in loft,  
alke tendance oft.  
And shed their seeds,  
much more than needs.  
54 Hops dyde small cost,  
ill kept halfe lost.  
Hops quickly be spilt,  
take heed if thou wilt.  
55 Some come some go,  
this life is so.

Thus endeth Augusts Abstract, agreeing with Augusts husbandry.

Augusts husbandrie. Chap. 46.

Dye August and warme,  
Doth haruest no harme.

Forgotten month past,  
Doe now at the last.

- T**hy fallow once ended, goe strike by and by,  
both whetland and barly, and so let it lie :  
And as yee haue leasure, goe compasse the same,  
when by ye doe laie it, more fruitfull to frame.  
2 Get Downe with thy brakes, per any shewers do come  
that cattell the better, may pasture haue some :  
In June and in August, as wel doth appeare,  
is best to mow brakes, of all times in the yeere.  
3 Pare saffron betweene the two S. Maries daies,  
or set or goe shift it, that knowest the waies :  
What yeere shall I doe it (more profit to yeeld)  
the fourth in the garden, the third in the field.  
4 In hauing but forty foot, workmanly dight,  
take saffron inough for a Lord and a knight :  
All winter time after, as practise doth teach,  
what plot haue ye better, for linnen to bleach.  
5 Maids mustard seed gather, for being too ripe,  
and weather it well, per ye giue it a stripe :

Daring of  
saffron.

Huswifes  
re.



- Then dresse it, and lay it in sollar by sweet,  
least foistines make it, for table vnnect.
- 6 Good huswines in summer, wil saue their owne seeds  
against the next yeere, as occasion needs:  
One seed for another, to make an exchange,  
with fellowly neighborhood, seemeth not strange.
- 7 Make sure of reapers get harvest in hand,  
the corne that is ripe, doth but shed as it stand:  
Be thankeful to God, for his benefit sent,  
and willing to saue it, with earnest intent.
- 8 To let out thy harvest, by great or by day,  
let this by experience, lead thee the way:  
By great will deceiue thee, with lingring it out,  
by day will dispatch, and put al out of doubt.
- 9 Grant harvest lord more, by a peny or two,  
to call on his fellowes the better to doe:  
Giue gloues to thy reapers, a larges to crie,  
and daily to loiterers, haue a good cie.
- 10 Reape wel, scatter not, gather cleane that is shorne,  
bind fast, shock a pace, haue an cie to thy corne:  
Lode safe, carry home, follow time being faire,  
gone iust in the barne, it is out of dispaire.
- 11 Tith truly and duly, with hearty good will,  
that God and his blessing, may dwel with thee stil:  
Though parson neglecteth his duty for this,  
thanke thou thy Lord God, and giue euer man his.
- 12 Corne tithed (sir parson) to gather go get,  
and caue it on shocks to be by and by set:  
Not leauing it scattering abroad on the ground,  
nor long in the field, but away with it round.
- 13 To cart gap and barne, set a guide to looke weele,  
and hoy out sir carter, the hog fro thy wheele:  
Least greedy of feeding, in following cart,  
it moyeth or perisbeth, spight of thy hart.

Champs  
by great,  
the other  
by day.

Good  
haruest  
pouers.

- 14 In champion countrie a pleasure they take,  
to mow by their hawme, for to brew and to bake:  
And also it stands them, in stead of their thacke,  
which being well inned, they cannot wel lacke.
- 15 The hawme is the straw, of the wheat or the rie,  
which once being reaped, they mow by and by:  
For feare of destroying, with cattell or raine,  
the sooner ye load it, more profit ye gaine.
- 16 The mowing of barley, if barley do stand,  
is cheapest and best, for to rid out of hand:  
Some mow it, and rake it, and set it on cocks,  
some mow it and binds it and set it on shocks.
- 17 Of barley the longest and greenest pee find,  
leau standing by dallops, til time ye do bind:  
Then earlie in morning (while dew is thereon)  
to making of bands, til the dew be all gone.
- 18 One spreadeth those bands, so in order to lie,  
as barley (in swathes) may fill it thereby:  
Which gathered up, with the rake and the hand,  
the follower after them, bindeth in band.
- 19 Where Barley is raked (if dealing be true)  
the tenth of such raking, to parson is due:  
Where scattering of Barley, is seene to bee much,  
there custome nor conscience, tything should grutch.
- 20 Corne being had downe (any way ye allow)  
should wither as needeth, for burning in mow:  
Such skill appertaineth, to haruest mans art,  
and taken in time, is a husbandly part.
- 21 No turning of peason, till carriage ye make,  
nor turne in no more, then ye mind for to take:  
Least beaten with shewers, so turned to drie,  
by turning and tossing, they shed as they lie.
- 22 If weather be faire, and tidie thy graine,  
make speedilie carriage, for feare of a raine:

Spreading  
of Barley  
bands.

Tith of  
rakings.

For tempest and showers, deceiueth a menie,  
and lingring lubbers, loose many a penie.

23 In gouing at haruest, learne skilfully how,  
each graine for to laie, by it selfe on a mow:

Seed barly the purest, goue out of the way,  
all other nigh hand, goue as iust as ye may.

24 Stacke prase vpon houel, abroad in a yard,  
to couer it quickly, let owner regard:

Least doue and the cadow, there finding a smacke,  
with ill stozmy weather, doe perisb thy stacke.

25 Corne caried, let such as be pooze goe and gleane,  
and after thy cattell, to mouth it vp cleane:

Then spare it for rowen, till Michel be past,  
to lengthen thy dairy, no better thou hast.

26 In haruest time haruest folke, seruants and all,  
shoulde make altogether, good cheere in the hal:

And fill out the black bol, of bleith to their song,  
and let them be mery all haruest time long.

By truly  
haruest  
folke. 27 Once ended thy haruest, let none be begilde,  
please such as did please thee, man, woman and childe:

Thus doing, with alway such help as they can,  
thou winnest the praise, of the labouring man.

Thanks  
God for al 28 Now looke vp to Godward, let tong neuer cease,  
in thanking of him, for his mightie increase:

Accept my good will, for a prooofe go and trie,  
the better thou thziuest, the gladder am I.

Workes after haruest.

29 Now carry out compas, when haruest is done,  
where barlie thou sowest my champion sonne:

Or lay it on heape, in the field as ye may,  
till carriage be faire, to haue it away.

30 Whose compas is rotten, and caried in time,  
and spread as it shoulde be, thziests ladder may clime:

Whose compas is paltry, and carried too late,

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- such husbandry vseth, that many doe hate.  
 31 Per winter preuenteth while weather is good,  
 for galling of pasture get home with thy wood:  
 And carry out grauel, to fill vp a hole,  
 both timber and furzin, the turfe and the cole.  
 32 House charcole and sedge, chip and cole of the land,  
 pile tal wood and billet, sticke all that hath band:  
 Blocks, roots, pole and bough, set vpright to the thetch,  
 the neerer more handsome, in winter to fetch.  
 33 In staking of bauen, and piling of logs,  
 make vnder thy bauen, a honel for hogs:  
 And warmly inclose it, al sauing the mouth,  
 and that to stand open, and ful to the south.  
 34 Once haruest dispatched, get wenches and boies,  
 and into thy barne, before all other toies:  
 Choised seed to be picked, and trimly wel side,  
 for seed may no longer, from thresling abide.  
 35 Get seed aforehand, in a readines had,  
 or better prouide, if thine owne be too bad:  
 Be carefull of seed, or else such as yee sow,  
 be sure at haruest, to reape or to mow.  
 36 When haruest is ended, take shipping or ride,  
 ling, saltfish and herring, for Lent to prouide:  
 To buie it at first, as it commeth to rode,  
 shal pay for thy charges, thou spendest abroad,  
 37 Choose skilfully saltfish, not burnt at the stone,  
 buy such as be good, or else let it alone:  
 Get home that is bought, and go sticke it by drie,  
 with pease straw betweene it, the safer to lie.  
 38 Per euer ye iourney, cause seruant with speed,  
 to compas thy barly land, where it is need:  
 One aker wel compassed, passeth some thre,  
 thy barne shal at haruest, declare it to thee,  
 39 This lesson is learned, by riding about,

Prouision  
for Lent.

the prizes of vittels, the yeare throughout :

Both what to be selling and what to reſtraine,  
and what to be buying and bring in againe.

40 Though buying and ſelling, doth wonderful wel.  
to ſuch as haue ſkil, how to buie and to ſel :

Yet chopping and changing, I cannot commend,  
with theefe of his marrow, for feare of ill end.

41 The rich in his bargaining, needs not to be taught,  
of buier and ſeller, ſo far is he ſought :

Buyer at  
firſt hand.

Yet herein conſiſteth a part of my text,  
who buieth at firſt hand, and who at the next.

42 At firſt hand he buieth, that paieſh al downe,  
at ſecond that hath not ſo much in the towne :

At third hand he buieth, that buieth of truſt,  
at his hand who buieth, ſhal paie for his luſt.

Ready  
money  
much beſt  
cheape.

43 As oft as ye bargain, for better or worſe,  
to buie it the cheaper, haue chynks in thy purſe :

Touch kept is commended, yet credit to keepe,  
is pay and diſpatch him, yet euer ye ſleepe

44 Be mindful abroad of Michelmaz ſpring,  
for thereon dependeth a huſbandly thing :

Though ſome haue a pleaſure, with hawk vpon hand,  
good huſbands get treaſure, to purchaſe their land.

45 Thy market diſpatched turne home againe round,  
leaſt gaping for for peny, thou looſeſt a pound :

Provide for thy wiſe, or elſe looke to be ſhent,  
good milchcow for winter, another for Lent.

49 In trauelling homeward, buie ſorty good crones,  
and fat by the bodie of ſuch ſeely bones :

Leaue milking, and drie by old mully thy cow,  
the crooked and aged, to fatting put now.

47 At Bartelmewtide, or at Sturbzidge faire,  
buie that as is needful, thy houſe to repaire :

Then ſel to thy profit, both butter and cheeſe,

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who buieth it sooner, the more he shal leese.  
 48 If hops do looke browish then are ye to slow,  
 if longer ye suffer, the hops for to grow:  
 Now sooner ye gather, more profit is found,  
 if weather be faire, and the dew off the ground.  
 49 Not breake off, but cut off, from hop the hop string,  
 leane growing a little, againe for to spring:  
 whose hil about pared, and therewith new clad,  
 shal nourish more sets against March to be had.  
 50 Hop hillock discharged of euery let,  
 set then without breaking, ech pole ye out get:  
 which being entangled, aboue in the tops,  
 go carry to such, as are plucking of hops.  
 51 Take sountage or haire (that couers the kel)  
 set like to a manger and fastened wel:  
 With poles vpon crotches as hie as the brest,  
 for sauing and riddance, is husbandry best.  
 52 Hops had, the hop poles that are likely preserve,  
 (from breaking and rotting) againe for to serue:  
 And plant ye with Alders, or willowes a plot,  
 where peereles as needeth, mo poles may be got,  
 53 Some skillfully drieth their hops on a kel,  
 and some on a collar, oft turning them well:  
 Kel dride wil a bide foule weather and faire,  
 where drying and lying, in lost doe dispaire.  
 54 Some close them bp drie, in a hogshed or fat,  
 y<sup>e</sup> t camias or sountage, is better then that:  
 By drying and lying, they quickly be spilt,  
 thus much haue I shewd, doe now as thou wilt.  
 55 Old farmer is forced long harvest to make,  
 his goods at more leisure, away for to take:  
 New farmer thinketh each howe a day,  
 vntil the old farmer, be packing away.

Hops gathering.

The order of hops gathering

Keeping of hops.

Thus endeth and boorth out Augusts husbandrye,  
 till Michelmass Eue.

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¶ Corne haruest equally diuided  
into ten parts.

Chap. 47.

- 1 One part cast forth, for rent due out of hand,  
2 One other part, for seed to sow thy land,  
3 Another part, leaue parson for his tith,  
4 Another part, for haruell, sickle and sith.  
5 One part for ploughwite, cartwite, knacker and smith,  
6 One part to bphold thy teemes that draw therewith.  
7 Another part for seruant and workmans wages laie,  
8 One part likewise for filbellie date by date.  
9 One part thy wife for needfull things doth craue,  
10 Thy selfe and thy child the last part would haue.

For nape:  
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cable, salt  
and salwe  
tinker and  
cooper,  
brasse and  
pewier.

**V**V Ho minds to quote, Yet farmer may,  
vpon this note, thanke God and say,  
may easily find inough: for yeerely such good hap:  
What charge and paine, Well fare the plough,  
to little gaine, that sends inough,  
doth follow toiling plough. to stop so great a gap.

A brieue conclusion, where you may see,  
Each word in the verse, to begin with a T.

Chap. 48.

**T**He thristie that teacheth the thriuing to thriue.  
Teach timelie to trauerse the thing that thou triue.  
Transferring thy toiling, to timeliness taught.  
This teacheth thee temperance, to temper thy thought.  
Take trustie (to trust to) that thinkest to thriue.  
That trustilie thristinesse, trowleth to thee.  
Then temper thy trauell to carrie the tide.  
This teacheth thee thristinesse twentie tride.  
Take thankfull thy talent, thanke thankfully those.  
That thristlie teacheth thy time to transpose.  
Troth twise to thee teacheth, teach twentie times ten.  
This trade that thou takest, take thrist to thee then.

Erise for  
contriue.

¶ Mans

Mans age deuided into twelue seauens.

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¶ Mans age deuided here you haue  
By prentiship from birth to graue.

Chap. 49.

- 1 The first seauen yeres bzing bp as a child,  
14 The next to learning, for waring too wild.  
21 The next keepe vnder, sir hobbard de hoy,  
28 The next a man, no longer a boy.  
35 The next let lusty lay wisely to wine,  
42 The next laie now or else neuer to thine.  
49 The next make sure for tearme of thy life,  
56 The next saue somewhat for children and wife.  
63 The next be staide gine ouer thy lust.  
70 The next thinke houely whither thou must.  
77 The next get chaire and crotches to stay,  
84 The next to heauen God send vs the way.  
Who loseth their youth, shall rue it in age.  
Who hateth the truth, in sorrow shall rage.

¶ Another diuision of the nature of mans age.

Chap. 50.

The Ape, the Lion, the Fox, the Asse.

Thus sets forth man as in a glasse.

- Ape. Like apes we be toying, till twenty and one.  
Lion. { Then hasty as Lions, till forty be gone:  
Fox. { Then wilie as Foxes, till threescore and thre,  
Ass. { Then after for Asses, accounted we be.

Who plaies with his better, this lesson must know,  
what humblenes For, to the Lion both shew:  
For Ape with his toying, and rudenesse of Ass,  
brings (out of good houre) displeasure to passe.

Comparing good husband, with vnthrift his brother,  
The better discerneth, the tone from the tother.

Chap. 51.

- S** husbandry baggeth, God husbandry baggeth,  
to goe with the best: by gold in his chest.

2 All husbandry frudgeth,  
with vnthrifts about :  
God hus bandry frudgeth,  
for feare of a doubt.  
3 All hus bandry spendeth,  
abroad like a mome :  
God hus bandry tendeth,  
his charges at home.  
4 All hus bandry selleth,  
his corne on the ground :  
God hus bandry selleth,  
no gaine that way found.  
5 All hus bandry loſeth,  
for lacke of good ſenſe :  
God hus bandry cloſeth,  
and gaineth the penſe.  
6 All hus bandry truſteth,  
to him and to her :  
God hus bandry luſteth,  
himſelfe for to ſtur.  
7 All hus bandry eateth,  
himſelfe out of doze :  
God hus bandry meateth,  
himſelfe and the poze.  
8 All hus bandry daieth,  
or letteth it lie :  
God hus bandry workeſheth,  
the cheaper to buie.  
9 All hus bandry lurketh,  
and ſtealeth a ſlaue :

God hus band his boone,  
Or requit hath a far :

God hus bandry workeſheth,  
his houſhold to keepe.  
10 All hus bandry lueth,  
by that and by this :  
God hus bandry giueth,  
to erie man his.  
11 All hus bandry taketh,  
and ſpendeth by all :  
God hus bandry maketh,  
good ſhift with a ſmall.  
12 All hus bandry prayeth,  
his wiſe to make ſhift :  
God hus bandry ſaith,  
take this of my gift.  
13 All hus bandry browſeth,  
at fortune ſo auke :  
God hus bandry rotoſeth,  
himſelfe as a hauke.  
14 All hus bandry lieth,  
in priſon for debt :  
God hus bandry ſpieth,  
where profit to get.  
15 All hus bandry waies,  
hath to fraud what ye can :  
God hus bandry praiſe,  
hath of euery man.  
16 All hus bandry neuer,  
hath welth to keepe touch :  
God hus bandry euer,  
hath peny in pouch.  
All hus band aſſoon,  
Hath a tode with an R.

A comparifon betweene Champion, country  
and ſeueral. Chap. 52.

**T**he country incloſed I praiſe,  
the tother delighteth not me,  
For nothing the wealth it doth raiſe,  
to ſuch as inferiour be.

How both of them partly I know,  
 heere somewhat I mind for to shew.

2 Ther swineherd that keepeth the hog,  
 ther neatherd with cur & his hozne,

There shepheard with whistle and dog,  
 be fense to the medow and corne.

There hozse being tide on a balke :  
 is ready with theefe for to walke.

3 Where al thing in common do rest,  
 corne field with the pasture and mead,

Though common ye do for the best,  
 yet what doth it stand you in stead:

There common as commoners vse,  
 for otherwise shalt thou not choose.

4 What laier much better than there,  
 or cheaper (thercon to do wel ? )

What drudgery moze any where,  
 lesse good thereof where can ye tel :

What gotten by summer is seene :  
 in winter is eaten by cleene.

5 Example by Leicester shire,  
 what soile can be better then that :

For any thing hart can desire,  
 and yet doth it want ye see what.

Hast, couert, close, pasture and wood :  
 and other things needfull as good.

6 All these do inclosure bring,  
 experience teacheth no lesse,

I speake not to boast of the thing,  
 but onely a troth to expresse.

Example (if doubt ye do make :)  
 by Suffolke and Essex go take.

7 Moze plentie of mutton and beece,  
 corne, butter and cheese of the best :

Inclosure

Seuerall.

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## A Comparifon betweene

More wealth any where (to be breefe)  
more people, more handsome and preft,  
where find ye: (go fearch any coaft)  
than there where enclofure is moft.

8 More worke for the labouring man,  
as wel in the towne as the field,  
Or thereof deuife (if ye can)

more profit what countries do yeeld:  
More feldome where fee ye the poore,  
goe begging from doze vnto doze.

Champs  
countrie.

9 In Dorsethe behold the difpaire,  
of tillage too much to be borne,  
By drouers from faire vnto faire,  
and others deftroying the corne,  
By cuftome and couetous pates,  
by gapes and opening of gates.

10 What fpeake I of commoners by,  
with drawing al after a line,  
So noying the corne as it lie,  
with cattell, with conies and fwine:

When thou haft beftowed thy coft,  
looke halfe of the fame to be loft.

11 The flockes of the lords of the foile,  
doe pcerely the wintercorne wrong,  
The fame in a manner thy spoile,  
with feeding fo low and fo long.

And therefore that champion field,  
doth feldome good wintercorne yeeld.

Champs  
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12 By Cambridge a towne I do know,  
where many good husbands do dwell,  
Whofe loffes by loffels doth fhew,  
more heere then is needful to tel.  
Determine at court what they fhall,  
performed is nothing at al.

- 13 The champion robbeth by night,  
and prowleth and filcheth by day,  
Himselfe and his beast out of sight,  
both spoileth and maketh away.  
Not onely thy grasse but thy corne :  
both after and yet it be shorne.
- 14 Deale bolt with thy pease he wil haue,  
his household to feed and his hog:  
Now stealeth he, now wil he craue,  
and now will he colen and cog.  
In bridewel a number be script :  
lesse worthy then theefe to be whipt.
- 15 The Oxe boy as ill is as he,  
oz worse if worse may be found,  
For spoiling from thine and from thee,  
of grasse and of corne on the ground,  
Lay neuer so well for to saue it,  
by night oz by day he will haue it.
- 16 What orchard vnrobbed escapes :  
oz pullet dare walke in their icke:  
But homeward oz outward (like apes)  
they count it their owne they can get.  
Lord, if ye doe take them, what sturs,  
how hold they together like burs?
- 17 For commons these commoners crye,  
inclosing they may not abide,  
Yet some be not able to buie,  
a cow with a calfe by her side.  
Nor lay not to liue by their worke,  
but theeuishly loiter and lurke.
- 18 The Lord of the towne is to blame,  
for these and for many faults mo,  
For that he doth know of the same,  
yet lets it unpunished goe.

## A Comparison betweene

Such Lords ill example do giue,  
 where varlets and drabs so may liue.  
 19 What footpaths are made? how broad  
 annoyance too much to be borne,  
 with horse and with cattell what rode,  
 is made through euery mans cozne:  
 Where champions ruleth the roste,  
 there daily disorder is most.  
 20 Their shep whē they driue for to wash  
 how careles such sheepe they do guide:  
 The farmer they leaue in the lish,  
 with losses on euery side.  
 Though any mans cozne they doe bite:  
 they will not allow him a mite.  
 21 What hunting and hauking is there:  
 cozne looking for sickle at hand,  
 Lets laboies to doe without feare,  
 how peereley together they band.  
 More harme to another wil doe:  
 then they would be done so vnto.  
 22 More profit is quieter found,  
 (where pastures in seuerall be:)  
 Of one silly aker of ground,  
 then champion maketh of thre.  
 Againe what a toy it is knowne:  
 when men may be bold with their owne:  
 23 The tone is commended for graine,  
 yet bread made of beanes they do eate:  
 The tother for one lose hath twaine,  
 of Hastlin, of Rie, or of wheat:  
 The champion lueth ful bare,  
 when woodland ful mery do fare.  
 24 Tone giueth his cozne in a dearth,  
 to horse, sheepe, and hog erie day,

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Champion country and severall.

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The tother giue cattell warme barth,  
and feed them with straw 7 with hay.  
Corne spent of the tone so in vaine:  
the tother doth sell to his gaine.

Seuerall.

25 TOne barefoot and ragged do goe,  
and readie in winter to serue,  
When tother ye see doe not so,  
but hath that is needfull to serue.

Champs

Seuerall.

TOne paine in a cottage doth take,  
when tother trim bowers do make.

26 TOne laith for turs and for sedge,  
and hath it with wonderfull suit,  
When tother in euery hedge,  
hath plentie of sewell and fruit.

Seuerall.

Sulis twenty times worser than these,  
enclosure quickly would ease.

27 In woodland the pooze men that haue  
scarce fully two akers of land,  
More merily liue and doe saue,  
than tother with twenty in hand.

Yet pay they as much for the two,  
as tother for twentie must do.

28 The labourer comming from thence,  
in woodland to worke any where,  
(I warrant you) goeth not hence,  
to worke any more againe there.

If this same be true (as it is)  
why gather they nothing of this?

29 The pooze at inclosure doth grutch,  
because of abuses that fal,

Left some man should haue but too much  
and some againe nothing at all.

If order might therein be found,  
What were to the severall ground.

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A<sup>N</sup> enuious neighbour is easie to find,  
 His cumbersome fetches, are seldome behind,  
 His hatred procureth, from naughty to worse,  
 His friendship like Judas, that carried the purse.  
 His head is a storehouse, with quarrels full fraught,  
 His bzaime is vnquiet, til al come to naught.  
 His memozy pregnant, old ilks to recite,  
 His mind euer fixed, ech ill to requite.  
 His mouth full of venome, his lips out of frame,  
 His tongue a false witnes, his friend to defame.  
 His eyes be promooters, some trespasse to spie,  
 His eares be as spials, alarum to crie.  
 His hands be as tyrants, reuenging each thing,  
 His feet at thine elbow, as serpent to sting.  
 His breast full of rancoz, like cancker to treat,  
 His hart like a Lion, his neighbour to eate.  
 His gate like a shepewiter, fleering aside,  
 His lookes like a corbome, by puffed with pride.  
 His face made of bzasse, like a vice in a game,  
 His gesture like Dauid, whom Terence doth name,  
 His brag as Cherlites, with elbowes abroad,  
 His cheekes in his furie, shal stwel like a tode.  
 His colour like ashes, his cap in his eyes,  
 His nose in the aire, his snout in the skies.  
 His promise to trust too, as slipperie as ice,  
 His credit much like, to the chance of the dice.  
 His knowledge or skill, is in prating too much,  
 His companie hummed, and so bee all such.  
 His friendship is counterfeit, seldome to trust,  
 His dooings vnlucky, and euer vniust.  
 His fetch is to flatter, to get what he can,  
 His purpose once gotten a pin for thee than.

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Chap. 54.

**D**oth darnell good, among the slowzie wheate:  
 Do thistles good, so thick in fallow spide:  
 Do taint woymes good, that lurke where ore should eate:  
 Do sucking ozones, in hie where bees abide:  
 Do hoznets good, or these same biting gnats:  
 Foule swelling todes, what good by them is seene:  
 In house well deckt, what good do gnawing rats:  
 Do casting motoles, among the medows graine:  
 Doth heauy netes, make glad the hart of man:  
 Do noisome smels, what good doth that to health:  
 How once for all, what good (thow who so can)  
 Do stinging snakes, to this our common wealth:

No more good doth, a peeuish slaunderous toong,  
 But hurts it selfe, and noies both old and yong.

A sonnet vpon the Authors first seauen  
 yeeres seruice Chap. 55.

**S**eaen times hath Ianus tane new yeare by hand,  
 Seue times hath blustering March, blown forth his powre  
 To driue out Aprill buds, by sea and land,  
 For minion May, to deck most trim with flowre.  
 Seaen times hath temperate Mer, like pageant plaid,  
 And pleasant Aestas eke, her flowers told:  
 Seaen times Autumnus heat hath ben delaid,  
 With Hyems boisterous blasts, and bitter cold.  
 Seaen times the thirtene Moones, haue changed hew,  
 Seaen times the sun his course hath gone about:  
 Seaen times each bird, her nest hath built anew,  
 Since first time you to serue, I choosed out.

Still yours am I, though thus the time haue past,  
 And trust to be, as long as life shall last.

Man minded for to thriue,      What hap may thereby fall;  
 Must wisely lay to wiue:      Here argued find ye shall.

**T**he Authors dialogue betweene two Batchelers of wiuing  
 and thriuing by affirmation and obiection, Chap. 56.

Affirmation.

**F**riend, where we met this other day,  
 We heard one make his mone and say,  
 Good Lord how might I thriue?

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## Of Wiuing and thriuing.

W<sup>e</sup> heard another an<sup>s</sup> were him,  
Then make thee handsome, trick and trim,  
And lay in time to wiue.

Obiection.

And what of that say you to mee?  
Doe you your selfe thinke that to bee,  
The best way for to thriue:  
If truth were truly bolted out,  
As touching thirst I stand in doubt,  
If men were best to wiue.

Affirmation.

There is no doubt, for proue I can,  
I haue but seldome seene that man,  
Which could the way to thriue:  
Untill it was his happie lot,  
To stay himselfe in some good plot,  
and wiselie then to wiue.

Obiection.

And I am of another mind,  
For by no reason can I find,  
how that way I should thriue:  
For whereas now I spend a penie,  
I should not then bee quite with meny,  
throug<sup>h</sup> bondage for to wiue.

Affirmation.

Not so, for now where thou dost spend,  
Of this and that to no good end,  
which hindzeth thee to thriue:  
Such vaine expences thou shouldst saue,  
And daily then lay more to haue,  
as others doe that wiue.

Obiection.

Why then do folke this prouer be put,  
The blacke ore neer trode on thy fut,  
If that way were to thriue?  
Hereout a man may sone picke forth,  
Few seeth what a peny is woorth,  
till such time as they wiue.

Affirmation.

It may so chance as thou dost say,

This

This lesson therfore beare away,  
If thereby thou wilt thriue:  
Loke yer thou leape, for yer thou goe,  
It may be for thy profit so,  
For thee to laie to wine.

Obiection.

It is too much we daily here,  
To wine and thriue both in a yere,  
As touching now to thriue:  
I know not herein what to spie,  
But that there doth small profit lie,  
To sanke for to wine.

Affirmation.

Indeed the first yere oft is such,  
That fondly some bestoweth much,  
A let to them to thriue:  
Yet other mo may sone be found,  
Which getteth many a faire pound,  
The same day that they wine.

Obiection.

I grant some getteth moze that day,  
Than they can easily beare away,  
Now needs then must they thriue:  
What gaineth such thinke ye by that:  
A little burthen you wot what,  
Through fondnesse for to wine.

Affirmation.

Thou seemest blind as mo haue bin,  
It is not beaultie bringeth in,  
The thing to make thee thriue:  
In womankind see that yee doe,  
Require of her no gift but two,  
When as yee mind to wine.

Obiection.

But two say you: I pray you than,  
Shew those as briefly as you can,  
If that may help to thriue:  
I weene we must conclude anon,  
Of those same twaine to want the son,  
When as ye chance to wine.

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Affir.

Honesty &  
huswifery

# Of Wiuing and thriving.

Affirmation.

An honest hus wife trust to me,  
 Be those same twaine I say to thee,  
 That help so much to thrive :  
 As honesty far passeth gold,  
 So huswifery in yong and old,  
 Doe pleasure such as wine.

Obiection.

The honestie indeede I grant,  
 Is one good point the Wife should haunt,  
 To make her husband thrive :  
 But now saie would I haue you shew,  
 How should a man good hus wife know,  
 If once hee hap to wine ?

Affirmation.

A huswife good betimes will rise,  
 And order things in comly wise,  
 Her minde is set to thrive :  
 Upon her distaffe she will spin,  
 And with her needle she will win,  
 If such pee hap to wine.

Obiection.

It is not idle going about,  
 Nor all day pricking on a clout,  
 Can make a man to thrive :  
 O; if there bee no other winning,  
 But that the wife gets by her spinning,  
 Small thurst it is to wine.

Affirmation.

Some more than this yet doe shee shall,  
 Although thy stocke be very small,  
 Yet will she helpe thee thrive :  
 Laie thou to saue as well as shee,  
 And then thou shalt enriched bee,  
 When such thou hapst to wine.

Obiection.

If shee were mine I tell thee troth,  
 Too much to trouble her I were loth,  
 For grædines to thrive :

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Least some should talke as is the spærch,  
The goodwifes husband weares on bræsch,  
If such I hap to wiue.

Affirmation.

What hurts it thæ what some doe say  
If honestlie she take the waie,  
To helpe thæ for to thriue:  
For honesty will make her prest,  
To doe the thing that shall be best,  
If such ye hap to wiue.

Obiection.

Why did Diogenes say than,  
To one that askt of him time whan,  
Were best to wiue to thriue:  
Not yet (quoth he) if thou be yong,  
If thou war old then hold thy tong,  
It is too late to wiue.

Affirmation.

Belike he knew some shrewish wife,  
Which with her husband made such strife,  
That hindred them to thriue:  
Who then may blame him for that claufe,  
Though then he spake as some had cause,  
As touching for to wiue:

Obiection.

Why then I see to take a shrew,  
(As seldome other there be few)  
Is not the way to thriue:  
So hard a thing I spie it is,  
The good to chuse, the shrew to mis,  
That feareth me to wiue.

Affirmation.

She may in some thing seme a shrew,  
Yet such a huswife as but few,  
To helpe thæ for to thriue:  
This prouerbe loke in minde ye kepe,  
As good a shrew is as a shepe,  
For you to take to wiue.

Obiection.

Now be she lambe or be she cat,

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## Of Wiuing and thriving.

Giue me the shepe, take thou the shelew,  
 See which of vs shall thriue:  
 If she be sheewith thinke for troth,  
 For all her thrist I would be loath,  
 To match with such to wine.

Affirmation.

With farewell then, I leane you off,  
 Such soles as you that loue to scoffe  
 Shall seldome wiue to thine:  
 Contrary her, as you do me,  
 And then yee shall I warrant yee,  
 Repent yee if yee wiue.

Obiection.

Friend let vs both giue iustly place,  
 To wedded man to iudge this case,  
 Which best way is to thine:  
 For both our talke as seemeth plaine,  
 Is but as happeneth in our baine,  
 To will or not to wiue.

Wedded mans iudgement,  
 Vpon the former argument.

**A**s Cocke that wants his mate, goes rousing all about,  
 With crowing earely and late, to find his louer out.  
 And as poore fillie hen, long wanting cocke to guide:  
 Some drops and shortly then, begins to peake aside.  
 Euen so it is with man and wife, wher government is sound,  
 The want of tone the others life, doth shortly sone confound.

**I**f iest and in earnest, heere argued you find,  
 That husband and wife together must dwell,  
 And thereto the iudgement of wedded mans mind,  
 That husbandry otherwise, speedeth not well:  
 Of huswiferie like as of husbandry told,  
 How huswifely huswife, helps bring in the gold,

Thus endeth the booke of Husbandry.

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The pointes of Huswiferie, vnited to the  
comfort of husbandry, newly corrected and am-  
plified with diuers good lessons for householders  
to recreate the Reader, as by the Table at the  
end heereof more plainly  
may appear.

Set forth by Thomas Tusser Gentleman.

To the right Honourable and my especiall  
good Ladie and Mistresse, the  
Lady Paget.

**T**hough danger be mickle,  
And fauour so fickle,  
Yet dutie doth tickle,  
my fantasie to wright:  
Concerning how prettie,  
How fine and how nettie,  
God huswife should iettie.  
from morning to night,  
2 Not minding by writing,  
To kindle a spighting,  
But shew by indighting,  
as afterward told:  
How husbandry easeth,  
So huswiferie pleaseth,  
And many purse greaseth,  
with siluer and gold.  
3 For husbandry waepeth,  
Where huswiferie flapeth,  
And hardlie hee creepeth,  
by ladder to thrist:  
That wanteth to hold him,  
Thristis ladder to hold him,  
Befoze it be told him,  
hee fals without shift.

4 Least many should scare me,  
And others so: I weare me,  
Of troth I doe beare me,  
byright as yee see:  
Full minded to loue all,  
And not to reprove all,  
But onelie to moue all,  
god huswifes to be.  
5 For if I should mind some,  
Or descant behind some,  
And musing to find some,  
displease so I mought:  
Or if I should blend them,  
And so to offend them,  
What stir I should send them,  
I stand in a doubt.  
6 Though harmeles yee make it  
And some doe well take it,  
If others so: take it,  
what pleasure were that:  
Naught else but to paine me,  
And nothing to gaine me,  
But make them disdaine me,  
I wot not so: what.  
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7 Least some make a triall,  
As clocke by the Diall,  
Some stand to dentall,  
some murmure and grudge:

Since iudgement I pray you,  
For iustlie so may you,  
So fassie, so say you,

I make you my iudge.  
8 In tyme ye shall trie me,  
By troth ye shall spie me,  
So find, so set by me,  
according to skill:

How euer tre groweth,  
The fruit the tre sheweth,  
Your Ladiship knoweth,  
my heart and good will.  
9 Though fortune doth measure  
And I doe lacke treasure,  
Yet if I may pleasure,  
your honour with this:  
Then well me to mend it,  
Or mend or ye send it,  
Or any where lend it,  
if ought bee amisse.

Your Ladiships seruant.

Thomas Tusser.

To the Reader.

**N**OW listen good huswines, what doings are heere,  
set forth for a day, as it should for a yeere:  
Both easie to follow, and soone to atchieue,  
for such as by huswifery, looketh to thriue.

2 The forenoone affaires, till dinner (with some)  
then afternoone doings, till supper time come:  
With breakfast and dinner time, sup and to bed,  
stands orderly placed, to quiet thine hed.

3 The meaning is this, for a day that ye see,  
that monthly and yeerely, continued must be:  
And hereby to gather (as proue I intend)  
that huswifely matters, haue neuer an end.

4 I haue not by hearesay, nor reading in booke,  
set out (peradventure) that some cannot brooke:  
Nor yet of a spight, to be doing with enie,  
but such as haue skared me, many a penie.

5 If widow both huswife, and husband may be,  
what cause hath a widower, lesser than she?  
Tis needfull that both of them, looke wel about,

to carelesse within, and to lazie without.  
 6 Now therefore if ye wel consider of this,  
 what losses and crosses, comes daily amis:  
 Then beare with a widowers pen as ye may,  
 though husbando of huswifery some what do say.

The peface to the booke of Huswiferie.

**T**ake weapon away, of what force is a man?  
 Take huswife from husbando, & what is he than?  
 2 As louers do couet, together to dwell,  
 So husbandry loueth, good huswifery well.  
 3 Though husbandry seemeth, to bring in the gaires,  
 yet huswiferie labours, seeme equall in paires.  
 4 Some respite to husbands the weather may send,  
 But huswifes affaires, haue neuer an end.

As true as thy faith,      Thus huswiferie faith.

**S**erue for a day, for a waake, for a yere,  
 For life time, for ever, while man dwelleth here,  
 For richer, for poorer, from north to the south,  
 For honest, for hardhead, for daintie of mouth.  
 For wed and unwedded, in sicknesse and health,  
 For all that well liueth, in good common wealth,  
 For citie, for countrie, for court and for cart,  
 To quiet the head, and to comfort the heart.

The  
 praise of  
 huswifery

A description of huswife and Huswiferie.

**O**f huswife doth huswifery, challenge that name,  
 of huswifery huswife, doth likewise the same:  
 where husbando and husbandry ioyneth with these,  
 there wealthinesse gotten, is holden with ease.  
 2 The name of a huswife what is it to say:  
 the wife of the house, to the husbando a stay:  
 If huswife doth that, as belongeth to her,  
 if husbando be godly, there needeth no stur.

## Instructions to huswifery.

- 3 The huswife is she, that to labour doth fall,  
the labour of her, I do huswifery call:  
If thyft by that labour, be honeftly got,  
then is it good huswifery, else is it not.
- 4 The woman, the name of a huswife doth win,  
by keeping her house, and of dooings therein:  
And she that with hus band, wil quietly dwel,  
must think on this lesson, and follow it wel.

## ¶ Instructions to huswifery.

Some God is the first, True loue is not wurst.

- A Dailie good lesson, of huswife indeede,  
is God to remember, the better to speed.
- 2 Another good lesson, of huswifery thought,  
is huswife with hus band, to liue as they ought.

Wife comely, no grieft, Man out, huswife chiefe.

- 3 Though trickly to see to, be gallant to wine,  
yet comly and wise, is the huswife to thine:
- 4 When hus band is absent, let huswife be cheefe,  
and looke to their labour that eateth her beeft.

Both out not allow, Keepe house huswife thou.

- 5 Where hus band and huswife, be both out of place,  
there seruants do loiter, and reason their case.
- 6 The huswife so named (of keeping the house)  
must tend on her profit, as cat on the mouse.
- Seeke home for rest, For home is the best.
- 7 As huswifes keepe home, and be stirrers about,  
so speedeth their winnings, the yeere throughout.
- 8 Though home be but homely, yet huswife is taught,  
that home hath no fellow, to such as haue ought.
- Vfe all with skill, Aske what yewill.
- 9 Good vsage with knowledge, and quiet withall,  
make huswife to shine, as the sunne on the wall.
- 10 What hus band refuseth, al comely to haue,

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that hath a good huswife, al willing to saue.

Be ready at need, All things to feed.

11 The case of good huswives, thus daily doth stand,  
what euer shal chance to be ready at hand.

12 This care hath a huswife, al day in her hed,  
that al things in season, be huswifely fed.

By practise go muse, How household to vse.

13 Dame practise is she that to huswife doth tel.,  
which way for to gouerne, her family well.

14 Use laborers gently, keepe this as a law,  
make child to be ciuile, keepe seruant in awe.

Who carelesse do liue, Offence there by giue.

15 Haue euery where, a respect to thy waies,  
that none of thy life, any slander may raise.

16 What many do know, though a time it be hid,  
at length wil abroad, when a mischief shall bid.

No neighbor reprove, Do as to haue loue.

17 The loue of thy neighbor shal stand thee in need,  
the poozer the gladder, to helpe at a need.

18 Use friendly thy neighbor, else trust him in this,  
as he hath thy friendship, so looke to haue his.

Strike nothing vnknowne, Take heed to thine owne.

19 Reuenge not thy wrath, vpon any mans beast,  
least thine by like malice, be bid to like feast.

20 What husband prouideth, with money his drudge,  
the huswife must looke to, which way it doth trudge.

A note of cock-crowing.

Now out of the matter, this lesson I adde,  
concerning cocke crowing, what profit is had,

Experience teacheth, as true as a clock,

how winter night passeth, by crowing of cock.

Cock croweth at midnight, times few aboue six,

with pause to his neighbour, to answer betwixt :

At thre a clock thicker, and then as ye know,

like all into Mattins, neere day they do crow,

## A note of cock-crowing.

At midnight, at thre, and an houre yer day,  
they vtter their language, as wel as they may :  
which who so regardeth, what counsel they giue,  
wil better loue cock crowing, as long as they liue.

For being afraid,                      Parke crowing of cocke,  
Take heed god mayd :              For feare of a knoeke

The first cock croweth.

Ho, dame it is midnight: what rumbling is that?

The next cock croweth.

Take heed to false harlots, and moze, ye wot what.

If noise ye heere,                      Least drabs do noy the,                      to  
Looke all be cleere :                      And theenes destroy the.

The first cock croweth.

Maids thre a clock, knead, lay your bucks, or go brew

The next cock croweth

And cobble and botch, ye that cannot buy new.

Til cock crow agen,                      Amend with speed,  
Both maidens and men :                      That mending hath need,

The first cock croweth.

Past five a clock holla : maid, sleeping betwae,

The next cock croweth.

Least quickly your mistresse vncouer your bare.

Maids by Iherſach ye,                      To worke and away,  
Least mistresse do brech ye :                      As fast as yemay.

¶ *Huswiferie.*

Morning workes.

No sooner vp,      But nose in cup.

Get by in the morning, as soone as thou wilt,  
with ouerlong slugging, good seruant is spilt.

2 Some

- 2 Some flouens from sleeping, no sooner get vp,  
but hand is in ambrie, and nose in the cup.  
That earlie is done, Count huswifely woon.
- 3 Some worke in the morning may trimly be done,  
that all the day after, can hardly be woun.
- 4 Good husband without, it is needfull there be,  
good hus wife within, is as needful as he.  
Cast dust into the yard, And spin and go card.
- 5 Sluts corners auoided, shal further thy health.  
much time about trifles, shal hinder thy wealth.
- 6 Set some to peelee hempe, or else ribbes to twine,  
to spin and to card, or to seething of bzine.  
Grind malt for drinke, See meate do not stinke.
- 7 Set some about cattell, some pasture to view,  
some malt to be grinding, against ye do brew,
- 8 Some corneth, some bzineth, some wil not be taught,  
where meat is attained, there cookery is naught.

¶ Breakfast doings.

- To breakfast that come, Giue every one some.
- 1 Cal seruant to breakfast by day star appeere,  
a snatch and to worke, fellowes loiter not heere.
  - 2 Let huswife be caruer, let pottage be heat,  
a messe to each one, with a morsel of meat.  
No more tittle rattle, Goe serue your cattle.
  - 3 What tacker in a pudding: saith greedy gut wozinger,  
giue such ye wot what, yer a pudding he finger.
  - 4 Let seruants once serued, their cattell go serue,  
least often ill seruing, make cattell to sterue.

¶ Huswifely admonitions,

- Learne you that will thee, This lesson of me.
- 1 No breakfast of custome, prouide for to saue,  
but onely for such as deserueth to haue :
  - 2 No shewing of seruant, what bittels in store,  
shew seruant his labour, and shew him no more.

Of hauocke beware, Cat nothing will spare.

3 Where all thing is common, what needeth a hutch?  
where wanteth a sauer, there hauocke is much:

4 Where window is open, cat maketh a fray,  
yet wilde cat with two legs, is worse by my say,

Looke well vnto thine, Slut slothfull must whine.

5 An eie in a cozner, who vseth to haue,  
reuealeth a drab, and pzeuenteth a knaue:

6 Make maid to be clenly, oz make her crie creake,  
and teach her to stir, when her mistresse doth speake,

Let holiwand threat, Let fizgig bee beat.

7 A wand in thine hand, though ye fight not at all,  
makes youth to their busines, better to fall.

8 For feare of foole had I wist, cause thee to waile,  
let fizgig bee taught, to shut doze after taile.

Too easie the wicket, Will still appease clicket.

9 With her that will clicket, make danger to cope,  
least quickly her wicket, seeme easie to ope.

10 As rod little mendeth, where manners be spilt,  
so naught will be naught, say and do what thou wilt.

Fight feldome ye shall, But loue not to brall.

11 Much bralling with seruant, what man can abide,  
pay home when thou fightest, but loue not to chide.

12 As ozder is heavenly, where quiet is had,  
so erroz is hel oz a mischiefe as bad.

What better a law, Then seruant in awe.

13 Such awe as a warning, will cause to beware,  
doth make the whole household the better to fare:

14 The lesse of thy counsell, thy seruants do know,  
their dutie the better such seruants shall shew.

Good musicke regard, Good seruants reward.

15 Such seruants are oftneft painfull and good,  
that sing in their labour, like birds in the wood:

16 Good seruants hope iustly, some friendship to feele,

and

and looke to haue fauour, what time they do weele.

By once or twise,

Its good to bee wise.

- 17 Take runagate Robin, to pittie his need,  
and looke to bee filched, as sure as thy creed,  
18 Take warning by once, that a worse doe not hap,  
foresight is the stopper of many a gap.

Some change for a shift,      Oft change small thrift.

- 19 Make few of thy counsell, to change for the best,  
least one that is trudging, infecteth the rest.  
20 The stone that is rolling can gather no mosse,  
for maister and seruant oft changing is losse.

Both liberall sticketh,      Some prouender pricketh.

- 21 One dog for a hog, and one cat for a mouse,  
one ready to giue, is inough in a house :  
22 One gift ill accepted, keepe next in thy purse,  
whom prouender pricketh, are often the wurse.

One libe;  
rall.

¶ Brewing.

Brew somewhat for thine,      Else bring vp no swine.

- 1 Where brewing is needfull, bee bzuier thy selfe,  
what filleth thy roose, will help furnish thy shelve :  
2 In buying of drinke, by the firkin or pot,  
the tally ariseth, but hog amends not.

Well brued, worth cost,      Ill ved halfe lost.

- 3 One bushell well bzued, outlasteth some thwaine,  
and saueth both malt, and expences in vaine.  
4 Too new is no profit, too stale is as bad,  
drinke dead or else sower, makes labourer sad.

Remember good Gill,      Take paine with thy swill.

- 5 Seeth graines in more water, while grains be yet hot  
and stir them in copper, as pozredge in pot.  
6 Such heating with straw, to haue offals good store,  
both pleaseth and easeth, what would ye haue more?

Seething  
of grains.

Baking



## ¶ Baking.

New bread is a driuell,      Much crust is as euill.

- 1 New bread is a waister, but mouldy is worse,  
what that way dog catcheth, that loseth the purse.
- 2 Much doo bake I praise not, much crust is as ill,  
the meane is the huswife, say nay if ye wil,

## ¶ Cookerie.

Good cookery craueth,      Good turnbroch saueth.

- 1 Good Cooke to dresse dinner, to bake and to brew,  
deserues a reward, being honest and true.
- 2 Good Diligent turnbroch and trusty withall,  
is sometime as needfull, as some in the hal.

## ¶ Dairie.

Good dairy doth pleasure,      Ill dairy spends treasure.

- 1 Good huswife in dairy, that needs not be told,  
deserueth her fee to be paid her in gold.
- 4 Ill seruant neglecting what huswife saies,  
deserueth her fee to be paid her with baies.

Good droie worth much,      Marke sluts and such.

- 3 Good droie to serue hog, to help wash and to milke,  
more needful is truly, than some in their silke.
- 4 Though homely be milker, let cleanly be cooke,  
for a slut and a slouen, be known by their looke.

In dairy no cat,      Lay bane for a rat.

- 5 Though cat (a good mouser) doth wel in a house,  
yet euer in dairy haue trap for a mouse.
- 6 Take heed how thou laiest, the bane for the rats,  
for poisoning of seruant, thy selfe and thy brats.

## ¶ Scowring.

No scouring for pride,      Spare kettle whole side.

- 1 Though scowring be needfull, yet scowring to much,  
is pride without profit, and robbeth thine hutch,
- 2 Keepe kettles from knocks, set tubs out of sum,  
for mending is costly, and crackt is soone dum,

Washing

Traps  
for rats.

## ¶ Washing.

Take heed when ye wash, Else run in the lash.

- 1 Maids, wash wel, and woxing wel, but beat ye wot how  
if any lack beating, I feare it be you.
- 2 In washing by hand, haue an eie to thy boll,  
for launders and millers, be quick of their toll.

Drie sun, drie wind, Safebinde, safe find.

- 3 Go wash well saith summer, with sun I shall drie,  
go woxing well saith winter, with wind so shall I.
- 4 To trust without heed, is to venter a ioint,  
giue tale and take count, is a huswifely point.

Where many be packing, Are many things lacking.

- 5 Where hens fall acackling, take heed to their nest,  
where drabs fall a whispering, take heed to the rest.
- 6 Throgh negligēt huswiues are many things lacking  
and gillet suspected, wil quickly be packing.

## ¶ Malting.

Ill malting is theft, Wood dride hath a weft.

- 1 House may be so handsome, and skilfulnesse such,  
to make thine owne malt, it shal profit thee much.
- 2 Some drieth with straw, & some drieth with wood,  
wood al keth more charge, and nothing so good.

Malting

Take heed to the kel, Sing out as a bell.

- 3 Be sure no chancēs, to fier can draw,  
the wood for the furzen, the brake or the straw.
- 4 Let gillet be singing it doth very wel,  
to keepe her from sleeping, and burning the kel.

Best dried best speeds, Ill kept bowd breeds.

- 5 Malt being wel speered, the more it wil cast,  
malt being wel dried, the longer will last :
- 6 long kept in ill seller (vndoubted thou shalt)  
thzough bowds without number, lose quickly thy malt.

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Dinner

Dinner  
matters.

- For hunger and thirst, Serue cattell well first.
- 1 By noone see your dinner, bee ready and neat,  
let meat tarry seruant, not seruant his meat.
- 2 Plough cattell a bayting, call seruants to dinner,  
the thicker together, the charges the thinner.
- Together is best, For hostis and ghest.
- 3 Due season is best, altogether is gaie,  
dispatch hath no fellow, make short and away.
- 4 Beware of gill laggoose, disordering thy house,  
moe dainties who catcheth then crafty fed mouse?
- Let such haue inough, That follow the plough.
- 5 Giue seruant no dainties, but giue him inough,  
too many chaps walking, doe begger the plough.
- 6 Dooze seggons halfe starued, worke faintly and dul,  
and lubbers doe loiter, their bellies too full.
- Give neuer too much, To lazie and such.
- 7 Feed lazie that thresheth, a flap and a tap,  
like slothfull, that all day bee stopping a gap:
- 8 Some litherlie lubber, moze eateth than two,  
yet leaueth vndone that another will doe.
- Where nothing will last, Spare such as thou hast.
- 9 Some cutteth thy linnen, some spilleth their broth,  
bare table to some, doth as well as a cloth.
- 10 Greene dishes be homely, and yet not to lacke,  
where stone is no laster, take tankerd and iacke,
- Knap boy on the thums, And saue him the crums.
- 11 That pewter is neuer, for mannerly feasts,  
which daily doe serue, so vnmanerly beasts.
- 12 Some gnaweth & leaueth, some cruils & some crums  
eat such their owne leauings, or gnaw their owne thums,
- Serue God euer first, Take nothing at worst.
- 13 At dinner, at supper, at morning, at night,  
giue thanks vnto God, for his gifts so in sight,

Giue be-  
fore & af-  
ter meat.

14 Good husband and hufwife, wil sometimes alone,  
make shift with a moztell, and pick of a bone.

Enough thou art told, Too much will not hold.

15 Thzee dishes weil drested, and welcome withal,  
both pleaseth thy friend, and becommeth thine hal,

16 Enough is a plentie, too much is a pride,  
the plough with ill holding, goes quickly aside.

¶ Afternoone workes.

Make companie breake, Go cherish the weake.

1 When dinner is ended, set seruants to worke,  
and follow such fellowes, as loueth to lurke.

After  
noone  
workes.

2 To seruant in sicknesse, see nothing ye grutch:  
a thing of a trifle shall comfort him much.

Who many doe feed, Saue much they had need.

3 Put chippings in Drippings, vse parings to saue,  
fat capons or chickens, that looketh to haue.

4 Saue droppings and skimmings, how euer ye doe,  
for medicine for cattell, for cart and for shoo.

Leane Capon vnmeet, Deere fed vnswet.

5 Such off corne as commeth, giue wife to her see,  
feed willingly such, as doe help to feede thee.

6 Though fat fed be daintie, yet I thee this warne,  
be cunning in fatting, for robbing thy barne.

Peece hole to defend, Things timely amend.

7 Good semsters be sowing, of fine prettie knacks,  
good hufwines be mending and peeing their sacks.

8 Though making and mending, be hufwisely waies,  
yet mending in time, is the hufwife to praise.

Buie new as is meete, Mark blancket and sheet.

9 Though ladies may rend, and buy new ery day,  
good hufwines must mend, and buy new as they may.

10 Call quarterly seruants, to court and to leet,  
write euer y couerlet, blancket and sheet.

Shift flouinglie else, Be gailer thy selfe.

- 11 Though shifting too oft, be a theefe in a house,  
 yet shift shut and flouen, for feare of a louse.  
 12 Grant doubtfull no key of his chamber in purse,  
 least chamber doore lockt, be to thee: ry a nurse.

Save feathers for gell, These other rob chest.

- 13 Save wing for a thesler, when a gander doth die,  
 save feathers of all thing, the softer to lie.  
 14 Much spice is a theefe, so is candle and fier,  
 sweet saule is as craftie as euer was frier.

Wife make thine owne candle, Spare pennie to handle.

- 15 Provide for thy tallow, per frost cometh in,  
 and make thine owne candle per winter begin.  
 16 If pennie for al thing be suffred to trudge,  
 trust long not to pennie, to haue him thy drudge.

Candle  
making.

¶ Euening workes.

Time drawing to night, See all things go right.

- 1 When hens go to roost, go in hand to dresse meat,  
 serue hogs and to milking (and some to serue neat,  
 2 Where twaine be inow be not serued with three,  
 more knaues in a company, worse for they be.

Make lackie to trudge, Make seruant thy drudge.

- 3 For euerie tryfle, leaue iaunting thy nag,  
 but rather make of lackie Jack boy thy wag.  
 4 Make seruant at night, lug in wood or a log,  
 let none come in emptie, but shut and thy dog.

Falle knaue readie prest, All safe is the best.

- 5 Where pullen vse nightly, to pearch in the peard,  
 there two legged foxes, keep watches and ward,  
 6 See cattell wel serued, without and within,  
 and all things at quiet, per supper begin.

Take heed it is needfull, True pittie is needfull.

- 7 No clothes in garden, no trinkets without:  
 no doore leaue unbolted, for feare of a dout.

8 Then



After supper matters.

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- 8 Thou womman whom pittie becometh thee best,  
grant all that haue laboured, due time to take rest.

¶ Supper matters.

Use mirth and good word, At bed and at boord.

- 1 Provide for thy husband, to make him good cheere,  
make merrie together, while time ye bee heere.  
2 At bed and at boord, howsoever befall,  
what euer God sendeth, be merrie withall.

No bralling make, No iealousie take.

- 3 No taunts befoze seruants, for hindring of fame,  
no iarring too lowd, for auoyding of shame.  
4 As franlie and heresie, roueth together,  
so iealousie leadeth, a foole ye wot whether.

Tend such as ye haue, Stop talkatiue knaue.

- 5 Dong children and chickens, would euer bee eating,  
good seruants looke duly, for gentle intreating.  
6 No seruant at table, vse sawslic to talke,  
least toong set at large, out of measure doe walke.

No snatching at all, Sirs harken now all.

- 7 No lurching, no snatching, no struing at all,  
least one goe without, and another haue all.  
8 Declare after supper, take heed thereunto,  
what worke in the morning, ech seruant shall doe.

After supper matters.

Thy soule hath a dog, Forget not thy dog.

- 1 Remember those children, whose parents be poore,  
which hunger, yet dare not craue at thy doore.  
2 Thy bandog that serueth for diuers mi shaps,  
forget not to giue him thy bones and thy scraps.

Make keyes to be keepers, To bed ye sleepers.

- 3 Where mouths be many, to spend that thou hast,  
set keyes to bee keepers, for spending too fast.

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- 4 To bed after supper, let droulie goe sleepe,  
least knaue in the darke, to his marrow doe creepe,  
Keepe keies as thy life, Feare candle good wife.
- 5 Such keyes lay by safe, yet ye take yee to rest,  
of daury, of butterie, of cupboord, of chest.
- 6 Feare candle in halloft, in barne, and in shed,  
feare flea smock & mendbreech, for burning their bed,  
See doores lockt fast, Two keyes make wast.
- 7 A dooze without locke, is a baite for a knaue,  
a locke without key, is a foole that will haue :
- 8 One key to two locks, if it bzeake is a greefe,  
two keyes to one locke, in the end is a theefe.
- Night works troubles hed, Lock doores and to bed.
- 9 The day willeth done, whatsoeuer ye bid,  
the night is a theefe, if yee take not good heed.
- 10 Wash dishes, lay leauens, saue fire and away,  
locke doozes and to bed, a good hul wife will say,  
To bed know thy guise, To rise do likewise.
- 11 In winter at nine, and in summer at ten,  
to bed after supper, both maides and men.
- 12 In winter at siue a clocke, seruant arise,  
in summer at foure, is a very good guise.
- Loue as ye may, Loue many a day.
- 13 Be iololie not sullen, if ought goe amisse  
what wrestling may loose thee, that win with a kisse.
- 14 Both beare and forbear, now and then as ye may,  
then wench God a mercie thy husband will say.

## The Ploughmans feasting daies.

This would not be slept, Old guise must be kept.

**G**od hul wiues, whom God hath enriched inough,  
forget not the feasts, that belong to the plough :  
The meaning is only to ioy and bee glad,  
for comfort with labour, is fit to be had,

Plough

Bed time.  
Time to  
rise.

Plough Munday.

2 Plough Munday, next after that twelstide is past,  
bids out with the Plough, the worst husband is last:

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shire.

If plowman get hatchet, or whip to the skreene,  
maids loseth their cocke, if no water bee seene.

Shroftide.

3 At Shroftide to shrouing, goe thresh the fat hen,  
if blindfold can kill her, then giue it thy men:  
Maids, fritters and pancakes, inough see you make,  
let slut haue one pancake, for company sake.

Essex and  
Suffolke.

Sheepe shearing.

4 Wife make vs a dinner, spare flesh neither corne,  
make wafers and cakes, for our sheepe must be shorne.  
At sheepeshearing neighbours, none other thing craue,  
but good cheere and welcome, like neighbours to haue.

North:  
hampton.

The wake day.

5 Fill ouen ful of flawnes, Ginnie passe not for sleepe,  
to morrow thy father, his wake day will keepe:  
Then euery wanton may dance at her will,  
both Tomkin and Tomlin, and Jankin with Gill.

Leicester  
shire.

Haruest home.

6 For all this good feasting, yet art thou not loose,  
till ploughman thou giuest, his haruest home goose:  
Though goose goe in stubble, I passe not for that,  
let goose haue a goose, be she leane be she fat.

Seed cake.

7 Wife sometime this weeke, if the weather hold cleere  
an end of wheat sowing, we make for this peere:  
Remember thou therefore, though I doe it not,  
the seed cake, the pasties, and fumenty pot.

Essex and  
Suffolke.

Twise a weeke rost.

8 Good ploughmen looke weekely of custome & right,  
for rostmeat on sundaies, and thurs day at night:  
This dooing and keeping, such custome and guise,  
they call thee good hus wife, they loue thee likewise.

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God

**G**ood huswife provides, per a sicknesse doe come,  
 of sundrie good things, in her house to haue some.  
 Good Aqua composita, and vineger tart,  
 Rosewater and treacle to comfort thine hart.  
 Cold hearbes in her garden, for agues that burne,  
 that ouerstrong heat, to good temper may turne.  
 White endiue and suckerie, with spinage inough,  
 all such with good potheearbs, should follow the plough.  
 Get water of Fumitory, liuer to cole,  
 and others the like, or else lie like a sole.  
 Conserues of barberie, quinces and such,  
 with sirrops that easeth the sickly so much.  
 Aske Medicus counsel, per medicine ye make,  
 and honour that man for necessities sake.  
 Though thousands hate phisicke because of the cost,  
 yet thousands it helpeth, that else should be lost.  
 God broth and god keeping, doe much now and than,  
 good diet with wisdom, best comforteth man.  
 In health to be stirring, shall profit thee best,  
 in sickness hate trouble, seeke quiet and rest.  
 Remember thy soule, let no fanisie preuaile,  
 make ready to Godward, let faith neuer quaille.  
 The sooner thy selfe thou submittest to God,  
 the sooner he ceaseth to scourge with his rod.

### Good motherly nurserie.

**G**ood huswines take paine, and do count it good lucke,  
 to make their owne bzeast, their owne child to giue suck.  
 Though wailing and rocking be noisome so neare,  
 yet lost by ill nursing, is woefull to heare.  
 But one thing I warne thee, let huswife be nurse,  
 least husband do find thee too franke with his purse.  
 That hilback and silbellie, maketh awaie,  
 that help to make good, or else looke for a fraile.

Give

Giue child that is fittie, giue babie the big,  
giue hardnesse to yowth, and to roperipe a fwiig.  
We find it not spoken so often for naught,  
that children were better, vnborne then vntaught.  
Some cocknies with cocking, are made very soles,  
fit neither for prentise, for plough nor for scholes.  
Teach child to aske blessing, serue God & to Church:  
then blesse as a mother, else blesse him with burch.  
Thou hufwife thus doing, what further shall neede:  
but all men to call thee, good mother in dede.

Thinke on the poore.

**R**emember the poore, that for God sake do call,  
for God both rewardeth, and blesseth withall.  
Take this in good part, whatsoener thou bee,  
and wish mee no worse, than I wish to thee.

A comparison betweene good  
hufwiferie and euill.

Comparing together, good hufwife and bad,  
The knowledge of either, the better is had.

<b>A</b> hufwifery lieth,	Good hufwiferie spareth,
til nine of the clock:	for feare ye wot what.
Good hufwiferie trieth,	5 Il hufwiferie pricketh,
to rise with the cocke.	her selfe by in pride:
2 Il hufwiferie tooteth,	Good hufwiferie tricketh,
to make her selfe braue:	her house as a bride.
Good hufwiferie looketh,	6 Il hufwiferie othing,
what household must haue,	or other must craue:
3 Il hufwiferie trusteth,	Good hufwiferie nothing,
to him and to her:	but needfull will haue.
Good hufwiferie lusteth,	7 Il hufwiferie moueth,
her selfe for to sir.	with gossip to spend.
Il hufwiferie careth,	Good hufwiferie loueth,
for this nor for that:	her household to tend.



- 8 All huswiferie wanteth, Good huswiferie menderth,  
 with spending too fast, else would it go wide.  
 Good huswiferie scanteth, 13 All huswiferie sweepeth  
 the longer to last. her linnen to gage:  
 9 All huswiferie easeth, Good huswiferie keepeth,  
 her selfe with unknowne: to serue her in age.  
 Good huswiferie pleaseth, 14 All huswiferie craueth,  
 her selfe with her owne. in secret to borrow:  
 10 All huswiferie brooketh, Good huswiferie saucth,  
 mad toies in her hed: to day for to morrow.  
 Good huswifery looketh, 15 All huswife pineth,  
 that all things be fed. not hauing to eat:  
 11 All huswiferie bzingeth, Good huswiferie dineth,  
 a shilling to naught: with plentie of meat.  
 Good huswiferie singeth, 16 All huswifery letteth,  
 her cofers full fraught. the diuell take all:  
 12 All huswiferie rendeth, Good huswiferie sette th,  
 and casteth aside: good brag of a small.

Good huswife good fame hath, of best in the towne:  
 Ill huswife ill name hath, of euery clowne.

Thus endeth the booke of huswifery.

For men a perfect warning,  
 How childe should come by learning.

**A**ll you that saine would learne the perfect way,  
 To haue your child in musicke something saue:  
 Aske Nature first, what thereto she doth say,  
 Per further lute yee make to such a quene,  
 For doubtles *grossum caput* is not hee,  
 Of whom the learned *Muses* saue will bee.

2 Once tride that nature trim hath done her part,  
 And Lady *Musicke* faire in loue with all:  
 Wee wise who first doth teach the childe that art,  
 Least homely bzeaker mar fine ambling ball.

Not

Not rod in mad bzaines hand is that can helpe,  
But gentle skill doth make the proper whelp.

3 Wher choise is hard, count god for well a fine,  
Skill mixt with will, is hee that teacheth best,  
Let this suffice for teaching child of thine,  
Chose quickly well, for all the lingring rest:  
Mistought at first, how seldome proueth well,  
Trim taught, O God, how shortly doth excell.

4 Although as ships must farrie winde and tide,  
And perfect howres abide their stinted time:  
So likewise though of learning daily tride,  
Space must bee had, per wit may thereto clime,  
Yet easie steps and perfect way to trust,  
Doth cause god speed, confesse of force we must.

5 Thus in the child though wit inough we finde,  
And teacher good nere hand or other where,  
And time as apt as may be thought with minde,  
For cause in such thing much to doubt or feare:  
Yet cocking mams & shifiting dads from scholes,  
Makes pregnant wits, to proue vnlearned soles.

6 Per learning come, to haue first art thou taught,  
Apt learning child, apt time, then thing to frame,  
Apt cunning man to teach, else all is naught,  
Apt parents glad to bring to passe the same.  
On such apt ground the Puses loue to build,  
This lesson learne, adieu else learned child.

The description of a womans age by vi. times

xiiij. yeeres prentiship, with a lesson  
to the same.

14 Two first seauen yeres, for a rod they doe whine,

28 Two next, as a pearle in the world they doe shine,

42 Two next, trim beautie beginneth to swerue,

36 Two

## The Inholders posie.

56 Two next, for matrons or drudges they scrue,

70 Two next, doth craue a staffe for a staie,

84 Two next, a bare to fetch them away.

3 lesson.

{ Then purchase some pelfe,  
By fiftie and three :  
Or buckle thy selfe,  
A drudge for to bee.

## The Inholders posie.

**A** meales my friend who bitteth here, & sitteth with his host,  
Shall both be sure of better chere, and scape with lesser cost.

But hee that will attendance haue, a chamber by himselfe,  
Must more regard what paines do craue, then pas of worldly pelfe.

Let no man looke to purchase linne, with pinching by the way,  
But lay before he takes his Inne, to make his purse to pay.

For nothing pay and nothing pray, in Inne it is the guise. (wise.  
Where no point gaine, there no point paine, thinke this if you bee

For tolling much, & spoiling more, great cost small gaine or none,  
Soon sets thine host at neddams shote, to craue the beggars bone.

Forseeing this come day or night, take by what place ye please,  
Use mine as thine, let fortune spight, and boldly take thine ease.

## Certaine table lessons.

**F**riend, eat lesse and drinke lesse, and buy thee a knife,  
else looke for a carver not alway too rise :

Some kniuelesse their daggers for brauery do weare,  
that often for surfeting, need not to feare.

2 At dinner and supper, the table doth craue,  
good fellowly neighbour, good manners to haue :

Adur'se thee well therefore, yer toong be too free,  
or slapsaunce bee noted, too saucy to bee.

3 If any thing wanteth, or seemeth amis,  
to call for, or shew it, good manner it is :

But

But busie fault-finder, and saucie withall,  
is roisting like ruffin, no manners at all.

4 Some cutteth the napkin, some trenchers will nick,  
some sheweth like folly in many a trick:

Let such apish body, so toying at meat,  
goe toie with his noddie, like ape in the street.

5 Some cometh valent for, not for the good cheere,  
but sent as a spiall to listen and heare:

Which being once knowne, for a knaue let him go.  
for knaue wil be knauish, his nature is so.

Lessons for waiting seruants.

**O**ne Diligent seruitor, skilfull to weight,  
more comlieth thy table, than other some eight,

That stand for to listen, or gazing about,  
not minding their duty, within nor without.

2 Such waiter is faulty, that standeth so by,  
vniindfull of seruice, forgetting his eie:

If maister to such, giue a bone for to gnaw,  
hee doth but his office, to teach such a daw.

3 Such seruitor also deserueth a checke,  
that runneth out sitting, with meat in his becke:

Such rauening puttocks, for vittals so trim,  
would haue a good maister, to puttocke with him.

4 Who daily can suffer, or else can affoord,  
his meat so by snatched, that comes from his boord:

So tossed wth cozmorants, heere and there some,  
and others to want it, that orderly come:

5 Good seruitor waiteth (once supper begun)  
what asketh attendance, and what to be dun:

So purchaling maister, a praise with the best,  
get praise to himselfe, both of maister and ghest.

Husb:ndly posies for the Hall.

**F**riend her I dwell, and here I haue a little worldly pelfe,  
Which on my friend I keepe to spend, as wel as on my selfe.

2 What

## Posies for diuers roomes,

- 2 What euer fare you hap to find, take welcome for the best,  
That hauing then disdaine thou not, for wanting of the rest.
- 3 Backbiting talke that flattering blabs, know wily how to blenge  
The wise doth note, the friend doth hate, the enemy to reuenge.
- 4 The wise will spend, or giue or lend, yet keepe to haue a store,  
If soles may haue from hand to mouth, they passe vpon no more.
- 5 Where ease is sought, at last we see, there plentie wareth scant,  
Who careless liues go borrow must, or else full often want.
- 6 The world doth think, the wealthie man, is he that least shall need  
But true it is, the godly man is he that best shall need.

## Posies for the parlour.

- A**s hatred is the serpents noisome rod,  
So friendship is the louing gift of God.
- 2 The drunken friend is friendship very euill,  
The franticke friend is friendship for the diuell.
- 3 The quiet friend all one in word and deed,  
Great comfort is, like readie gold at need.
- 4 With byalling soles, that wiall for euery wrong,  
Firme friendship neuer can continue long.
- 5 In time that man, shall seldome friendship mis,  
That waieyth what thing, such kept in friendship is.
- 6 Oft times a friend, is got with easie cost,  
Which bled euill, is oft as quickly lost.
- 7 Hast thou a friend, as hart may wish at will,  
Then vse him so to haue his friendship still.
- 8 Wouldst haue a friend, wouldst know what friend is best,  
Haue God thy friend, which passeth all the rest.

## Posies for the ghests Chambers.

- T**he slouen and the carelesse man, the roinish nothing nice,  
to lodge in chamber comely deckt, he seldome suffred twice.

2 With



A Sonnet to the Lady Paget.

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2 With certaine some make scabberd cleane, with couerlet their *Thou*  
All mire and durt some swallow bed, as spaniels vse to do.

3 Though bootes & spurs be nere so soule, what passeth some theron  
what place they soule, or thing they teare by tumbling therupon.

4 Foule male some cast on faire boord, be carpit neare so cleen,  
what maners careles maister hath, by knaue his man is seene.

5 Some make the chimnie chamber pot, to smell like filthy sinke,  
yet who so bold, so sone to say, sough, how these houses sinke.

6 They therefore such as make no force, what comlie thing to spill,  
must haue a cabin like themselves, although against their will.

7 But gentlemen will gently do, where gentleness is shewd,  
Observing this, with loue abide, or else hence all bestrewd.

Poies for thine owne bed chamber.

*W*hat wis dom more, what better life, than pleaseth god to send,  
what wo:ldly goods, what longer vse, than pleaseth god to lend.

2 What better fare than well content, agréeing with thy wealth?  
What better guest, than trustie friend, in sickness and in health?

3 What better bed then conscience good, to passe the night with sleep  
what better worke, then daily care, fro sinne thy selfe to keep.

4 What better thought, than thinke on God, & daily him to serue,  
What better gift than to the poore, that ready be to serue.

5 What greater praise of God and man, than mercy for to shew,  
Who merciles, shall mercie find, that mercie shewes to few.

6 What worse despaire, than loth to die, for feare to goe to hell:  
What greater faith, than trust in God, through Christ in heauen to dwell:

A Sonnet to the Lady Paget.

<i>S</i> ome pleasure take,	and cannot tell,
and cannot giue,	how else to shift.
but onely make,	Some knocke and faine,
poore thanks their shift:	would ope the dooze,
Some meaning well,	to learne the vaine,
in Debt do liue,	good turne to praise:

Some

## Principall points of Religion.

Some shew good face,	and so must liue,
and bee but pooze,	for ought I know.
yet haue a grace,	Some wish to pay,
good fame to raise,	and cannot get,
Some owe and giue,	but night and day,
yet still in debt,	still more must owe.

Euen so must I, for seruice past,  
Still wish you good, while life doth last.

## Principall points of Religion.

- 1 To pray to God continually,  
To learn to know him rightfully,
  - 2 To honour God in Trinity,
  - 3 The Trinity in Vnity,  
The Father in his Maiesty,  
The Sonne in his humanity,  
The Holy ghosts beningnity,  
Three persons, one in Deity,
  - 4 To serue him alway holily,
  - 5 To aske him all things needfully,
  - 6 To praise him in all company,
  - 7 To loue him alway hartily,
  - 8 To dread him alway christianly,
  - 9 To aske him mercie penitently,
  - 10 To trust him alway faithfully,
  - 11 To obey him alway willingly,
  - 12 To abide him alway patiently,
  - 13 To thanke him alway thankfully,
  - 14 To liue heere alway vertuously,
  - 15 To vse thy neighbour honestly,
  - 16 To looke for death still presently,
  - 17 To helpe the poore in misery,
  - 18 To hope for heauens felicity,
  - 19 To haue faith, hope and charity.
  - 20 To count this life but vanity,
- Bee points of Christianitie.

**T**his is my stedfast cræde, my faith and all my trust,  
 that in the heaucens there is a God, both mightie, mild, & iust. God the  
Father.  
 A God aboue all Gods, a King aboue all Kings,  
 The Lord of lordes, chiefe gouernoꝝ, of heauen and earthly things.

2 That power hath of life, of death, of heauen and hell,  
 That all things made as pleaseth him, so wonderfull to tel:  
 That made the hanging skies, so deckt with diuerse lights,  
 Of darkenesse made the chærefull daies, and all our restful nights Maker of  
heauen.

3 That clad the earth with herbe, with træs and sundꝝ fruits,  
 With beast with bird, both mild & tame, of strange & sundꝝ sorts The earth  
 That intermixt the same, with mines like veins of ore,  
 Of siluer, gold, of precious stones, and treasures many more.

4 That ioyned brookes to dales, to hills fresh water springs,  
 With riuers sweet along the meades, to profit many things:  
 That made the hoarie frosts, the flakie snowes so irim,  
 The honie dewes, the blusstring winds, to serue as pleaseth him. The was-  
ters.  
Frost and  
snow.

5 That made the surging seas, in course to ebbe and flo,  
 That skilfull man with sealing ship, might trauell to and fro:  
 And stoꝝed so the same, foꝝ mans vnthankfull sake,  
 That euery nation vnder heauen, might thereby profit take. The seas,

6 That gaue to man a soule, with reason how to liue,  
 That doth so him and all things else, his blessing daily giue:  
 That is not sene yet seeth, how man doth run his race,  
 Whose daillie woꝝks both good & bad, are knowne befoꝝe his face. The soule  
of man.

7 That sendeth thundꝝing claps, like terroꝝs out of hell,  
 That mā may know a god there is: that in the heaucens do dwell:  
 That sendeth thꝛeatning plagues, to keepe our liues in awe,  
 His benefits if we foꝝget, oꝝ doe contemne his laue. Thunder  
and  
plages.

8 That daily hateth sinne, and loueth vertue well,  
 And is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,  
 That doth displeasur take, when we his lawes offend,  
 And yet a mids his heauie wꝛath, his mercie doth extend.

9 This is that Lord of hostes, the father of vs all,  
 The maker of what ere was made, my God on whom I call: Christ  
the sonne  
 Which foꝝ the loue of man, sent downe his onely sonne,  
 Begot of him befoꝝe the woꝝlds, were any whit begun.

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I O This

Christ  
birth.  
Christ  
god and  
man.

10 This entred Maries wombe, as saith affirmeth sure,  
Conceined by the holy Ghost, bozne of the virgin pure :  
This was both God and man, of Iewes the hoped king,  
And liued here saue onely sinne, like man in euerie thing.

Christ our  
Messias.

11 This is that virgins child, that same most holie praef,  
The lambe of God, the prophet great, who scripture calleth Christ,  
This that Messias was, of whom the prophet spake,  
That shold tread down the serpents head, & our atonement make.

Christ  
passion:

12 This Judas did betray, to false dissembling Iewes,  
Which vnto Pilate being iudge, did falsly him accuse:  
Who (throug that wicked iudge) and of those Iewes despight,  
Condemned and tormented was, with all the force they might.

13 To lining wight more euil, what could such wretches do:  
More piercing wounds, more bitter paines, than they did put him  
They crowned him with thorne, that was the king of kings: (to  
That sought to saue the soule of man, aboue all wo:ldly things.

Christ  
death.

14 This was that paschall lambe, whose loue for vs so stoo, d,  
That on the mount of Caluarie, for vs did shew his blood:  
Where hanging on the crosse, no shame he did forsake,  
Till death giuen him by pearcing speare, an end of life did make.

Christ  
buriall.  
Christ  
descenton

15 This Ioseph seeing dead, the bodie thence did craue,  
And took it forthwith from the crosse, and laid it in his graue,  
Downe thence he went to hell, in bling there his will,  
His powre I meane, his stained corps in tombe remained still.

Christ  
resurrect-  
on.

16 From death to life againe, the third daie he did rise,  
And scene on earth to his elect, times oft in sundrie wise:

Christ  
ascension,  
Christ  
shall be  
our iudge.

And after into heauen, ascend he did in sight,  
And sitteth on the right hand there, of God the father of might,

17 When for vs wretches all, his father he doth praise,  
To haue respect vnto his death, and put our sins awaie:  
From thence with sounded trump, which noise all flesh shal heare,  
He shall returne with glorie againe, to iudge the quick and dead.

The  
iudges  
sentence.

18 Then shall the voice be heard, Come, come, ye good to me,  
Hence, hence to hell ye workers euill, where paine shall euer be:  
This is that lining Christ, whom I my sauour call,  
And onely put my trust in him, and in none else at all.

19 In God the holy Ghost, I firmelie do beleue,  
Which from the father and the son, a blessed life doth geue:  
Which by the Prophets spake, which doth all comfort send,  
Which I do trust shall be my guide, when this my life shall end.

God the  
holy  
Ghost.

20 A holy catholike Church, on earth I grant there is,  
And those which frame their liues by that, shall neuer do amis:  
The head whereof is Christ, the chiefest post,  
Preseruer of his temple great, is God the holie Ghost.

The cas  
tholike  
church.

21 I do not doubt there is, a multitude of saints,  
More good is don resembling them, then tel'ing them our plaints  
Their faith and works in Christ, that glorie did them giue,  
Which glorie we shall likewise haue, if likewise we do liue.

The com  
munion of  
Saints.

22 At God of heauen there is forgiveness of our sins,  
Through Christs death, through faith in it, & through none other  
If we repentant here, his mercie dailie craue,  
Through stedfast hope & faith in Christ, forgiveness we shall haue.

(gins: Forgive  
nes of sins

23 I hope and trust vpon the rising of the flesh,  
This corps of mine that first must die, shall rise againe afresh:  
The soule and bodie euen then, in one shall ioyned be,  
As Christ did rise from death to life, euen so through Christ shall we.

Shall re  
surrection

24 As Christ is glorified, and neuer more shall die,  
As Christ ascended into heauen, through Christ euen so shall I,  
As Christ I count my head, and I a member of his,  
So God I trust for Christs sake, shall settle me in blis.

**T**Hus here we learne of God, that there be persons three,  
The Father, sonne, and holy ghost, one God in Trinitie:  
In substance all like one, one God, one Lord, one might,  
Whose persons yet we diuide, and so we maie by right.

As God the Father is, the maker of vs all,  
So God the Sonne redæmer is, to whom for helpe we call,  
And God the holie ghost, the soule of man doth win,  
By mouing her to waile for grace, ashamed of her sin.

This is that God of gods, whom euerie soule should loue,  
Whom all mens hearts should quake for feare, his wrath on them  
That this same mightie God, aboue all others cheefe, (to moue:  
Shall saue my soules from dolefull hell, is all my whole beleefe.



and debilitie of man.

**O** God thou glorious God, what god is like to thee,  
 What life, what strength is like to thine, as all the world may  
 The heavens, the earth the seas, and all thy works therein (see:  
 Do thew (to who thou wouldst to know) what thou hast euer bin.

2 But all the thoughts of man, are bent to wretched euill,  
 Man doth commit Idolatrie, bewitched of the deuill:  
 What ill is left vndone, where man maie haue his will,  
 Man euer was an hypocrite, and so continues still.

what  
these  
four  
diuels do  
signifie.

3 What daily watch is made, the soule of man to see,  
 By Lucifer, by Belsabub, Sammon, and Asmodea:  
 In deuillish pride, in wrath, in coueting too much,  
 In fleshly lust the time is spent, the life of man is such.

4 The ioy that man hath here, is as a sparke of fire,  
 His acts be like the smouldring smoke, himselfe like dirt and mire,  
 His strength euen as a reed, his age much like the flower,  
 His breath or life is but a puffe, vncertaine euerie hower.

5 But for the holy ghost, and for his gifts of grace,  
 The death of Christ, thy mercie great, man were in wofull case:  
 O grant vs therefore Lord, to amend that is amisse,  
 And when from hence we do depart, to rest with thee in blisse.

Eleemosina prodest homini in vita, in  
 morte, & post mortem,  
*Out of S. Augustine.*

Of almes  
deeds.

**F**or onelie lone of God, more christian-like to line,  
 And for a zeale to helpe the poore, thine almes dailie giue:  
 Let gift no glorie looke, nor ill possesse thy mind,  
 And for a truth these profits thee, through almes shalt thou find.

1 First, here the holie Ghost, shall dailie through his grace,  
 Prouoke thee to repentant life, Gods mercie to embrace.

2 Of gods and friends (by death) when thou thy leaue must take,  
 Thine almes deeds shall claspe thy soule, and neuer it forsake.

3 When God shall after death, call some for thine account,  
 Thine almes then through thy faith in Christ, shall all things else,  
 But yet for any deed, put thou no trust therein, (surmount  
 But put thy trust in God (through Christ) to pardon thee thy sin.

For

For else as cackling hen, with noise betwixt her nest,  
Euen so go thou and blase thy deedes, and lose thou all the rest.

Malus homo. Out of S. Augustine.

O F naughtie man I read, two sundry things are ment,  
The one is man, th' other naught, which ought him to repent,  
The man we ought to loue, because of much therein,  
The ill in him we ought to hate, euen as a filthie sin.  
So doth thy daillie sinnes, the heauenly Lord offend,  
But when thou dost repent the same, his wraath is at an end.

Of two sorts of men, the one good, and the  
other bad. Out of S. Augustine.

S Ince first the world began, there was and shall be still,  
Of humane kind two sundry sorts, the one good, the other ill :  
Which till the iudgement day, shall here together dwell,  
But then the good shall vp to heauen, the bad shall downe to hell.

Diabolo cùm resistitur, est vt formica : cùm verò eius  
suggestio recipitur, fortis est vt Leo.

Out of S. Augustine.

When Satan we resist, a pismire shall hee be,  
But when we saue to giue him place, a Lyon then is hee.

Eight of S. Bernards verses, both in Latine  
and English, with one note to  
them both.

1 C Vt mundus millitat, sub vna gloria,  
Cuius prosperitas, est transitoria,  
Tam citò labitur, eius potentia,  
Quàm vasa figuli, quæ sunt fragilia.

1 Why so triumphs the world, in pompe and glorie baite,  
Whose state so happie thought, so fickle doth remaine :  
Whose brauery slipperie stands, and doth so sone decay,  
As doth the potters pan, compact of brittle clay.

2 Plus crede literis, scriptis in glacie,  
Quàm mundi fragilis, vanæ fallac'æ,  
Fallax in præmijs, virtutis specie,  
Quæ nunquam habuit, tempus fiduciz.

B. iii.

3 Poze

2 More credite see thou giue, to letters wrote in Ise,  
Than vnto vaine deceites, of brittle worlde deuse,  
In gifts to vertue due, beguiling manie one,  
Yet those same neuer haue, long time to hope vpon.

3 Magis credendum est, viris fallacibus,  
Quam mundi meferis prosperitatibus,  
Falsis infanijs & voluptatibus,  
Falsis quoque studijs & vanitatibus.

3 To false dissembling men, more trust is to be had,  
Than to the prosperous state, of wretched world so bad:  
What with voluptuousnes, and other maddish toies,  
False studies won with paine, false vanities and ioies.

4 Dic vbi Salomon, olim tam nobilis?  
Vel vbi Samson est, dux invincibilis?  
Vel dulcis Ionathas, multum a mabilis?  
Vel pulcher Absolon, vultu mirabilis?

4 Tell where is Salomon, that once so noble was?  
Where now Samson is, in strength whom none could pas?  
Where now Ionathas, that prince so louelie bold?  
Where faire Absolon, so goodlie to behold?

5 Quo Cæsar abiit, celsus imperio?  
Vel Diues splendidus, totus in prandio?  
Dic vbi Tullius, claus eloquio?  
Vel Aristoteles, summus ingenio?

5 Shew whither is Cesar gone, which conquered far and nare,  
That rich famous carle, so giuen to bellie chære:  
Shew where is Tullie now, for eloquence so fit?  
Where Aristoteles, of such a pregnant wit?

6 O esca vermium! O massa pulueris!  
O ros! O vanitas! cur sic extolleris,  
Ignoras penitus, vtrum cras vixeris,  
Fac bonum omnibus, quam diu poteris.

6 Thou fit bait for wormes! Thou great heap of dust!  
Dew! Vanitie! whie so extolst thou lust?  
Thou therefore ignorant, what time thou hast to liue,  
Do good to erie man, while here thou hast to giue.

Quam

7 Quàm breue festum est, hæc mundi gloria ?  
Vt ymbra hominis, sic eius gaudia,  
Quæ semper subtrahunt, æterna præmia,  
Et ducunt hominem, ad dura deuia.

7 How short a feast to count, is this same worlds renowne :  
Such as mens shadowes be, such ioyes they bring to towne :  
Which alwaie plucketh vp, from Gods eternall blis,  
And leadeth man to hell, a iust reward of his.

8 Hæc mundi gloria, quæ magni penditur,  
Sacris in literis, flos sæni dicitur,  
Vt leue folium, quod vento rapitur,  
Sic vita hominum, hac vita tollitur.

8 The brauerie of this world, esteemed here so much,  
In scripture likened is, to flowers of grasse and such :  
Like as the lease so light, through wind abroad is blowne,  
So life in this our life, full sone is ouerthrowne.

¶ Of the Authors linked verses  
departing from the court to  
the Countrey.

<p><b>M</b>use not my friend to find me here, Contented with this meane estate: And seime to doe with willing chere, That courtier doth so deadly hate,</p> <p>And yet of force to learne a new, Would much abash the dulled braine: I craue to iudge and this be true, The truant child that seales the paine.</p> <p>No, no, God wot, to disagreé, Is ventring all to make or mar: If fortune frowne we dailie see, It is not best to strue too far.</p> <p>From daintie court to countie fare, Too daintie fed is diet strange, From cities ioy to countrie care, Too killelle folke is hometic change.</p>	<p>{ For fortunes loke, bath changed hæw: And I my boke, Must learne anew.</p> <p>{ But wher a spight, Of force must be: What is that twight, Pay disagreé:</p> <p>{ For lordlie bent, must learne to spare: And be content, With countie fare,</p> <p>{ Where nêd yet can, Done other I kill: Sometime poze mā, Must breake his will</p>
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If courtly change so breaketh will,  
That countrey life must serue the turne :  
What profit then in straining still,  
Against the picke to same to spurne ?

What gaine I though I doe repent,  
My crutches all are broke and gone :  
My wonted friends are carelesse bent,  
They feare no chance I chance vpon.

Now if I take in worth my lot,  
That fatall chance doth force me to,  
If ye be friends vnbraid me not,  
But vse a friend as friends should do.

If court with cart,  
Must be content,  
What ease to hart,  
Though mind repent.  
As need doth make,  
Old age to trot :  
So must I take,  
In worth my lot.  
Behold the horse,  
Must trudge for pelfe,  
And yet of force,  
Content it selfe.

## The Authors life.

Now gentle friend, if thou be kind,  
Disdaine thou not, although the lot,  
Will not with me no better bee,  
than doth appeare :

For let it grieue, that thus I liue,  
But rather gesse, for quietnesse,  
As other do, so do I to,  
content me heere.

2 By leaue and loue, of God aboute,  
I mind to shew in verses fewe,  
How through the breers, my youthfull yeers,  
haue run their race :

And further say, why so I stay,  
And mind to liue, as Bee in hieue,  
Full bent to spend, my life to an end,  
in this same place.

3 It came to passe, that borne I was,  
Of lineage good, of gentle blood,  
In Essex laier, in village faier,  
that Riuenhall hight :

Borne at  
Riuenhall  
in Essex.

which village lide, by Banktree lide,  
There spend did I, mine infancie,

There



There then my name, in honest fame,  
remained in sight.

4 I yet but young, no speech of toong,  
For teares withall, that often fall,  
From mothers eies, when Child out cries,  
to part her fro:

Could pittie make, good father take,  
But out I must, to long be thrust,  
Say what I would, do what I could,  
his mind was so.

Set to  
song  
school.

5 O painefull time, for euerie crime,  
What tooled eares: like baited Beares:  
What bobbed lips, what perkes, what nips:  
what hellish toies:

What robes so bare: what colledge fare:  
What bread, how stale: what pennie Ale:  
Then Wallingford, how wert thou abhord,  
of sillie boies:

Wallings  
ford  
Colledge.

6 Thence for my voice, I must (no choise)  
Away of force, like posting horse,  
For sundry men, had placards then,  
such childe to take:

The better best, the lesser rest,  
To serue the queere, now there now heere,  
For time so spent, I may repent,  
and sorrow make.

7 But marke the chance, my selfe to vance,  
By friendships lot, to Daules I got,  
So found I grace, a certaine space,  
still to remaine:

With Redford there, the like no where,  
For cunning such, and vertue much,  
By whom some part, of Musicks art,  
so did I gaine:

John  
Redford  
an excel-  
lent mus-  
tician.

Nicholas  
Udall  
scholmar:  
Ber at  
Caron.

8 From Paules I went, to eaten sent,  
To learne straight waies, the Latin phraies,  
Where sitie thre stripes giuen to mee,  
at once I had :

For fault but small, or none at all,  
It came to passe, thus beat I was,  
See Udall see, the mercie of thee,  
to me pooze lad.

Trinitie  
hall in  
Cam-  
bridge.

9 From London hence, to Cambridge thence  
With thanks to thee, O Trinitie,  
That to thy Hall, surpassing all,  
I got at last :

There ioy I felt, there trim I dwelt,  
There heauen from hell, I disted well,  
With learned men, a number then,  
the time I past.

Quartan  
ague.

10 Long sicknes had, then was I glad,  
To leaue my booke, to proue and looke,  
In court what gaine, by taking paine,  
mought well be found :

L. Paget.

Lord Paget than that noble man,  
whose soule I trust, is with the iust,  
That same was he, enriched me,  
with many a pound.

11 When this betide, good parents dide,  
One after one, till both were gone,  
whose petigree, who list may see  
in harolds booke.

Whose soules in blisse, be long per this,  
For hope we must, as God is iust,  
So heere that craue, shall mercie haue,  
that mercie looke.

The bi-  
ces of the  
court.

12 By court I spide, and ten peeres tride,  
That cards and dice, with Venus vice,

And

And peeuisb pride, from vertue wide,  
with some so wrought:  
That Tiburne play, made them away,  
Or beggars state, as ill to hate,  
By such like euils, I saw such drinels,  
to come to naught.

13 Yet is it not, to be forgot,  
In court that come, to worshop come,  
And come in time, to honour cline,  
and speed full well:  
Some haue such gift, that trim they shift,  
Some profit make, by paines they take,  
In perill much, though oft are such,  
in court that dwell.

14 When court gan frown, and strife in towne  
And lords and knights, saw heauie sights,  
Then tooke I wife, and led my life,  
in Suffolke soile:

There was I faine, my selfe to traine,  
To learne too long, the farmers song,  
For hope of pelfe, like woorldly else,  
to moile and toile.

15 As in this booke, who list to looke,  
Of husbandry, and huswiferie,  
There may he find, more of my mind,  
concerning this.

To carke and care, and euer bare,  
With losse and paine to little gaine,  
With shifts to saue, to cram sir knaue,  
what life it is.

16 When wife could not, through sicknes got  
More toile abide, so neere seaside,  
Then thought I best, from toile to rest,  
and Ipswich trie,

The Po-  
bilitie at  
variance  
in Ed:  
ward the  
6 daies.

It hat-  
wade in  
suffolke  
this  
booke  
first deu-  
sed.

Ipswich  
comended

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A towne of price,like paradise,  
For quiet then,and honest men,  
There was I glad,much friendship had,  
a time to lie.

17 There left good wife,this present life,  
And there left I,house charges lie,  
For glad was he,might send for me,  
good lucke so stood:  
In Suffolke there,were euery where,  
Euen of the best,besides the rest,  
That neuer did their friendship hide,  
to doe mee good.

*He was mar-  
ried in  
Suffolke.* 18 O Suffolke thou,content thee now,  
That hadst the praise,in those same daies  
For squires and knights,that wel delights,  
good house to keepe:

For Suffolke wiles,so full of guiles,  
Haue caught my toe,by winning so,  
That out to thee,I see for mee,  
no way to creepe.

*His first  
time  
Moone.* 19 For lo,through guile,what haps the while  
Through Venus toies,in hope of ioyes,  
I chanced soone,to find a Moone,  
of cheerefull hew:

Which well and fine,me thought did shine,  
And neuer change,a thing most strange,  
Yet kept in sight,her course aright,  
and compasse true.

20 Behold of truth,with wife in youth,  
For ioy at large,what daily charge,  
Through childzens hap,what opened gap,  
to more beginn:

The child at nurse,to rob the purse,  
The same to wed,to trouble hed,

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For pleasure rare, such onely care,  
had husband win.

21 Then did I dwell, in Dircam cell,  
A place for wood, that trumly stood,  
With flesh and fish, as hart would wish,  
but when I spide :

That lord with lord, could not accord,  
But now pound he, and now pound we,  
Then left I all, because such bzal,  
I list not bide.

22 O Southwell what, meanst thou by that,  
Thou worthie wight, thou famous knight,  
So me to craue, and to thy graue,  
goe by and by :

O death thou foe, why didst thou so,  
Wngently treat, that ietwell great,  
Which opt his dooze, to rich and pooze,  
so bountconlie :

23 There thus bestad, when leaue I had,  
By death of him, to sinke or swim,  
And rauens I saw, together draw,  
in such a sort :

Then waies I sought, by wisdome taught,  
To beare low saile, least stock should quaille,  
Till ship might find, with prosperous winde,  
some safer port.

24 At length by view, to shore I drew,  
Discharging strait, both ship and freight,  
At Norwiche fine, for me and mine,  
a citie trim :

Where strangers wel, may seeme to dwel,  
That pitch and pay, or keepe their day,  
But who that want, shall find it scant,  
so good for him,

Land:  
lords at  
varie nce.

Sir  
Richard  
South-  
well.

His seven  
executors.

Norwich  
qualities.



Maister  
Salisbury  
Deane of  
Norwich.

25 But Salisbury how, were kept my bow,  
If praise from thee, were kept by me,  
Thou gentle Deane, mine onely meane,  
there then to liue :

Though churls such come, to craue can come  
And pray once got, regard thee not,  
Yet liue or die, so will not I,  
example giue.

In 138  
houres I  
neuer  
made  
d:ope of  
water.

26 When learned men, could there nor then,  
Deuise to swage, the stormie rage,  
Nor yet the furie of my dissurie,  
that long I had :

From Norwich aire, in great dispaire,  
Awaite to flie, or else to die,  
To seeke more health, to seeke more wealth,  
then was I glad.

Faiersted  
in Essex.

27 From thence so lent, away I went,  
With sicknes woorne, as one forlorne,  
To house my hed, at faiersted :  
where whiles I dwelt,  
The tithing life, the tithing strife,  
Through tithing ill, of Iacke and Gill,  
The daily paies, the miery waies,  
too long I felt.

Lease for  
parsons  
life.

28 When charges grew, still new and new,  
And that I spide, if parson dide,  
All hope in vaine, to hope for gaine,  
I might goe daunce :

Once rid my hand, of parsonage land,  
Thence by and by, away went I,  
To London straight, to hope and wait,  
for better chaunce.

29 Well London wel, that bearest the bell,  
Of praise about, England throughout,

And

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And doost indeed, to such as need,  
much kindnes shew:  
Who that with thee, can hardly agree,  
Nor can wel praise thy friendly waies,  
Shall friendship find, to please his mind,  
in places few.

30 As for such mates, as vertue hates,  
Or he or they, that go so gay,  
That needs he must, take all of trust,  
for him or his:

Though such for woe, by Lothburie go,  
For being spide, about Cheapside,  
Least Mercers bookes, for mony lookes,  
small matter it is.

31 When gaines were gon, & yeeres grew on,  
And death did crie, from London flie,  
In Cambridge then, I found agen,  
a resting plot:

In Colledge best, of all the rest,  
With thanks to thee, O Trinitee,  
Through thee and thine, for me and mine,  
some stay I got.

32 Since hap haps so, let toiling go,  
Let seruing paines, yeeld forth her gaines,  
Let courtly gifts, with wedding shifts,  
helpe now to liue:

Let musicke win, let stocke come in,  
Let wisdom carue, let reason serue,  
For heere I craue, such end to haue,  
as God shall giue.

33 Friends thus by mee, perceiue may ye,  
That gentrie stands, not all by lands,  
Nor all so felt, or plentie left,  
by parents gift:

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London  
commens  
bed.

Lincolns  
ch:ch.

The  
plague in  
London.

Pour ill  
spent  
makes  
age re:  
pent.

A fellow  
for poons  
get bro:  
thers.

But

And

But now and then, of gentlemen,  
The yongest sonne, is driven to run,  
And glad to seeke, from creeke to creeke,  
to come by thrift.

A true  
lesson.

34 And moze by this, to conser is,  
In world is set, enough to get,  
But where oz whan, that scarcely can,  
the wisest tell:

By learning some, to riches come,  
By ship and plough, some get inough,  
And some so wiue, that trun they thrive,  
and speed full well.

Hardnes  
in youth  
not the  
worst.

35 To this before, adde one thing moze,  
Youth hardnes taught, with knowledg wrought,  
Most apt do proue, to shift and shoue,  
amongst the best:

Where cocking dads, make saucie lads,  
In youth so rage, to beg in age,  
Oz else to fetch a Tiburne stretch,  
among the rest.

36 Not rampish toy, of girle and boy,  
Nor garment trim, of her oz him,  
In childhood spent, to fond intent,  
good end doth frame:

If marke wee shall, the summe of all,  
The end it is, that noted is,  
Which if it bide, with vertue tride,  
deserueth fame.

37 When all is done, learne this my sonne  
Not friend nor skill, nor wit at will,  
Nor ship nor clod, but onely God,  
doth all in all:

Man taketh paine, God giueth gaine,  
Man doth his best, God doth the rest,

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Man well intends, God forizon sends,  
else want hee shall.

38 Som seeke for wealth, I seeke my health  
Some seeke to please, I seeke mine ease,  
Some seeke to saue, I seeke to haue,  
to liue vpright:

More than to ride, with pompe and pride  
Or for to let, in others det,  
Such is my skill, and shal be still,  
for any wight.

39 Too fond were I, heere thus to lie,  
Unless that wealth, might further health,  
And profit come, should thereby come,  
to helpe withall:

This causeth me, wel pleas'd to be,  
Such drift to make, such life to take,  
Inforcing minde, remoyle to finde,  
As need, need shall.

40 Friend all thing waid, that here is said  
And being got, that paies the shot,  
We thinke of right, haue leaue I might,  
(death draweth neere:)

To seeke some waies, my God to praise,  
And mercie craue, in time to haue,  
And for the rest, what he thinks best,  
to suffer heere.

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